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# Reagan, at Oxford, joins the call for action against Serbia



Ronald Reagan proposed air strikes against Serbia and accused Nato of refusing to "cross the street" to stop wholesale slaughter when he addressed the Oxford Union yesterday. Reagan speech, page 3; Leading article, page 13

# Owen fears conflict in Bosnia may spill over

NATO was warned yesterday to start making contingency plans in the event of a spread ing Balkan war. Lord Owen. co-chairman of the peace conference on the former Yugoslavia, told alliance ambassadors in Brussels that he feared that the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina could spill over into neighbouring countries.

Lord Owen was said to have described developments as grave and sombre" and told the ambassadors the West had better be ready to deal with the consequences. In London Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, warned the Serbs against using force in Kosovo, where two million ethnic Albanians live. Foreign Office sources said Mr Hogg's words should not be taken as implying a readiness to send troops to fight the Serbs. But Serbian aggression in Kosovo would not be tolerated and the UN would have to decide what steps should be taken, the

In Washington, the US administration was consulting allies on a possible UN resolution authorising the use of force to stop Serbian violations of the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

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# Insurers seek bomb cover safety-net

BY SARAH BAGNALL AND NICHOLAS WOOD

IN THE face of the most sustained IRA campaign since the seventies, British insurers were trying last night to put together a package to pressurise the government into underwriting the costs of

mainland bombings.

The decision of large foreign reinsurers to cease offering cover from next year to insurers such as Commercial Union and General Accident for claims arising from terrorism in the United Kingdom has panicked the industry and deeply concerned the government. Downing Street officials yesterday threw some light on private talks between the insurers and ministers to say that the government still wanted a commercial solution. It is determined to resist the insur-

ers' pressure. The authorities fear that the wrangle has delivered a propaganda victory to the IRA. Police and the security services were deeply dismayed when the proposal to withdraw cover was first mooted three

weeks ago.

The issue is rising rapidly up the Whitehall agenda, with the IRA in the midst of a concerted bombing campaign in the run-up to Christmas. The IRA yesterday admitted responsibility for Thursday's bombs in Manchester, which injured 64 people.

As forensic specialists sifted through wreckage yesterday, the city seemed determined to

Ministers are determined to resist insurers' pressure to provide a cash safety net for companies whose premises have been wrecked by terrorist bomb blasts



return to normal. Streets were crowded and shops reported that busy pre-Christmas trad-ing had largely returned. One man injured by flying

glass in the second explosioin was still detained in Manchester Royal Infirmaty yesterday but his condition gave no cause for concern.

The bombs are estimated to have caused about £13 million of damage, including claims for the interruption of business. The bomb which devastated the City of London in April caused \$800 million

cover those to the greatest possible extent." worth of damage, more than the total paid by the govern-ment during the past twenty-

four years of bombings in Northern Ireland. A mainland compensation scheme along the lines of the one operating in Northern Ireland, in which the taxpayer meets the cost of all terroristinspired criminal damage to property above a threshold of £220, is not being contemplated. That scheme has cost about £680 million since

Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, is expected to hold further talks with business leaders from insurance, retail and property interests next week. He will then consult the prime minister and cabinet colleagues about the terms of a possible

Mr Heseltine was careful yesterday not to rule out some form of government assistance while emphasising that his prime objective was to find an answer in the worldwide rein-surance market. He said on BBC Television that there was "a willingness to discuss these matters further".

"I am told by people in the insurance industry that there are things certainly that need

to be examined. I am also well aware that large risks can be covered in the insurance market. Large sums of money are at risk and we have to find ways in which the market can

This appeared to be a hint that ministers are considering proposals from John Greenway, the Tory MP who chairs the all-party financial services committee, for the Treasury to pay for claims above a set ceiling:

The Times understands that ministers remain deeply reluctant to bale out the insurers and are engaged in an apparent game of brinkmanship. The government is concerned to avoid an open-ended commitment at a time of tight budgets. It is working against the clock because, as commer-cial insurance policies come up for renewal from January 1, they will carry a terrorism exclusion clause. Some companies could face bankruptcy as a result of a terrorist

bombing.

The possibility of a market solution involving government aid was discussed in private on Tuesday at a meeting of insurance industry officials and Neil Hamilton. junior minister at the trade and industry department. The proposal discussed was that the market would provide insurance up to a ceiling of about £250 million and Continued on page 2, col 7

Ulster's £70m bill, page 2



# Lamont rules out job swap

By NICHOLAS WOOD

NORMAN Lamont made clear yesterday that he would not accept another post in the cabinet, in a move aimed at quashing speculation of a new year resinufile.

Although Downing Street officials have insisted that leave the government.

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blamed

The report, produced by

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The chancellor, who has been under political and media pressure since sterling's forced exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism nearly three months ago, said that there was "absolutely no" other position in govern-ment that interested him.

John Major has given no thought to a reshuffle, Tory MPs have canvassed possibilities such as a swap involving Mr Lamout and Kenneth Clarke. But his interview with the Wall Street Journal was a clear sign that he would not be party to such changes. Mr Lamont appeared to be telling his colleagues that he would either stay as chancellor or



#### intention of imposing a political settlement on Somalia. However, the troops had been US troops sent, page 9 authorised to use force to Simon Jenkins, page 12

in Somalia.

**Bush says Somalia** 

aid is 'God's work'

By Martin Fletcher and Michael Evans

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday safeguard their own lives and ordered the sending of up to those of innocent Somalis.

led by the USS Tripoli with

1.800 marines is anchored off Mogadishu. They are expected to land by helicopter to

secure the airfield and port

early next week for the arrival

The two British planes from

RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire

were offered after a specific

request for assistance from

Washington. No British ground troops will be involved

of the rest of the US force.

8,000 American proops to Somalia to prevent mass star-

vation in the country. Britain

also agreed to contribute two

Hercules transport aircraft for

the operation, believed to be

the world's largest armed hu-

In a televised address to the

nation. Mr Bush called Oper-

ation Restore Hope "God's work". He said US troops

would not stay one day longer than necessary and had no

manitarian relief mission.

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# Prince sympathises with French farmers over Gatt

By ALAN HAMILTON

IGNORING the official line of his government and the gut feelings of his compatriots. the Prince of Wales yesterday offered his philosophical support to French farmers. He was speaking in Paris, surrounded by Frenchmen, and

accepting a French honour. The prince, in one of his occasional intellectual forays into the meaning of life and the future of Western civilisation, indicated that an unbridled market economy, as practised by the European Community, was killing tradi-tion and the rural way of life, as practised by the Gallic paysan. He was speaking in the distinctly urbane setting of the French Academy of Political and Moral Sciences, of which he was installed as a foreign associate member for his work as a late twentiethcentury man and an avowed

He opened his address defensively, saying he had been warned not to mention the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), the EC budget, Maastricht or sheep meat. He proceeded to do so, if obliquely, to the subsequent consternation of MPs on both sides of the political divide. In a lengthy discourse on the need to find a new moral philosophy for modern life that would replace the steril-

ity of Marxism, the prince said that the workings of

human society were still profoundly influenced by prevailing scientific orthodoxy.

Because of the imperatives of trade, and the unyielding rigours of comparative advantage', do we really need to compress the traditions and vitality of rural life and culture into the straitjacket of an industry like any other?" the prince asked in fluent, if

slightly accented. French.
"One of the joys for me of being in France is that you have a particularly strong sense of those traditions — and of the ultimate cost to the Continued on page 2, col I

> Bumper harvest, page 7 Photograph, page 10



Flashback: Windsor

#### NO INDIVIDUAL blame is apportioned for the devastat-ing fire at Windsor Castle in the official report released yesterday by Buckingham police, forensic experts and fire officers, concludes that the blaze two weeks ago was started by a spotlight which overheated a curtain on the first floor of the private chapel close to the altar. The Queen has seen the report which considered seven possible causes before deciding that the electric light heated the curtains to the

flames. Last night Bucking-ham Palace welcomed the

Report details, page 3

extent that they burst into

# Students call for flexible two-term academic year

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

THE NATIONAL Union of Students will next week call for a two-term academic year and for maintenance grants to be linked to individual study "modules", rather than rigid three-year courses.

The union is to launch a student's charter on Monday. intended to trump government plans to impose voluntary membership of the NUS Education Charter, to be published in the new year. The NUS policy overhaul is expected to recommend a more llexible approach to student finance in which grants would

■ Two reports on university education are expected to discuss radical changes in the academic year and the funding of maintenance grants for students

be awarded on the basis of the to be paid to students whose academic modules students signed up for, rather than the duration of these their courses.

Such a system would benefit those who take time off from their degrees, and would enable students to seek temporary jobs between modules, already a common practice in the United States. It is understood that the NUS charter will also call for compensation

Patient's charter

grants arrive late, and for the appointment of an education ombudsman.

dent finance, one of the union's doctrinal foundations, the heart of the modernisation programme launched by its president, Lorna Fizzimons, which will be discussed at its first nat-

In its most dramatic policy review since the 1960s, the NUS is expected to endorse a restructured academic year. with students attending university or college for two of three 15-week terms. The union now recognises that two-year "last-track" courses are inevitable, as higher education expands and the funding councils press for more eff-

cient use of resources. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals said yesterday that it would study the plans in detail. "Modularity is the coming thing and linking it with funding is a novel idea," a

tion into the future of the academic year, headed by Lord Flowers, is due to publish its interim report in April. The Universities Funding Council said yesterday that NUS support for modular courses was to be welcomed. "The council is trying to encourage initiatives that increase the flexibility in course provision, particularly for mature students who might not want the

whole of three years' study." a spokesman said. The student charter sets out what are described as a series of rights which students should be entitled to and concludes: "They are based on principles which we believe to be sound ones: quality, choice, equivalence and equal opportunities. They are not dissimilar to the principles laid out in the citizen's charter This charter is a challenge to the government. We have set down a series of rights for individual students together with collective enforcement. If the government tinkers with minor alterations, students will feel cheated."

The union will sell the charter to its memobership as s a challenge to the govern-ment, balancing individual rights with collective

Bright young things, page 3

# Anglican shrine bans women priests

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The first "no go area" for women priests was declared in the Church of England yesterday (Ruth Gledhill writes). Senior churchmen decided to ban women priests from taking services at the Walsingham shrine, England's premier place of pilgrimage.

More than 25 shrine guardians met in London yesterday

and agreed on the ban. They included John Gummer, agriculture minister, who resigned from the General Synod this week, and Dr Graham Leonard, the former Bishop of London, who plans to join the Roman Catholic Church. Walsingham is a focal point for Anglo-Catholics, who are jeered by protesters each May when they process behind a statue of the Virgin Mary. The shrine also attracts thousands of evangelical and liberal Anglicans, as well as piloring from etter demanders and the catholic from etter demanders.

pilgrims from other denominations.

The guardians said in a statement: "We do not accept the unitateral decision to admit women to the priesthood and therefore women priests will not officiate at the shrine."

# Barracks security alert

One of Britain's largest military bases was the target yesterday of two suspected shooting incidents. Police said they were keeping an "open mind" about possible terrorist activity at Catterick garrison in North Yorkshire in the wake of the bombing of Manchester city center on Thursday but a nassive search was carried out by soldiers and police all day. In the first incident at about 3am on the camp's perimeter at Waitwith, a sentry fired several rounds at intruders who were thought to be armed. Police said they could have been poachers. There have been 17 reports of poachers in the area recently. Just after day break, a shot was reportedly fired from a passing car close to the Helles barracks, but police believe that it might have been the vehicle backliring. They appealed for the driver of a blue Ford Escort to come

# Designer's fatal slip

Oliver Gregory, a co-founder of Habitat, died in a shotgun accident when he slipped on wet grass as he shot at birds attacking his doves, an inquest was told. Mr Gregory, a designer aged 62, was found on the lawn of his home in Collingbourne Ducis, Wiltshire, by his wife, Sue, and Fred Palmer, a gardener, on November 23. Mrs Gregory told the inquest, in Salisbury, Wiltshire, that when she first saw the body she thought it was a tramp. "I came into the house to get Oliver but I could not find him and it dawned on me that the person I had seen was Oliver. I became hysterical and rushed out into the garden. I think I must have fainted."

# Jilted lover jailed

A salesman who raped and tortured his former lover in front of her two children was jailed for six years at the Old Bailey yesterday. Judge Neil Denison QC was told how the jilted man drugged the 21-year-old and held her captive in a hotel room along with the children, aged four and one. The woman, who had ended the four-year relationship three weeks earlier, was bound and handcoffed. During repeated sexual assaults, the 31-year-old attacker used an electric stungum and at one point held a knife to the baby girl's throat to stop her mother screaming, Judge Denison said that the man carried out "a horrifying series of sexual assaults designed to humiliate her".

# Taxman nets records

inheritance tax demand. The minutes, subscription and account books of Hambledon cricket club, regarded as the birthplace of the modern game, will be displayed at Hampshire county record office. They belonged to Sir Alan and Lady Lobbock. One of her ancestors was a steward at the club and the records were accepted by the Museums and Galleries Commission in lieu of £39,210 tax. The commission recently accepted a Bugatti.

# Lorry drivers hijacked

A lorry driver was yesterday hijacked at gunpoint and taken on a five-hour drive by thieves who stole his vehicle and its load, together worth £100,000. The driver was about to go to sleep when he was attacked in a lorry park near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. Police found him on the hard shoulder of the M6 nearly 250 miles away. In a separate incident, hijackers who took a lorry driver on a two-hour ride in a car boot after stealing his load released him after giving him £5 for his taxi fare home.

# **Doctor blinded wife**

A jealous doctor who blinded his wife by stabbing out her eyes in front of their daughter was jailed for 12 years at the Old Bailey yesterday. The sentence was criticised as too lenient by Roohance Haroon-Qadri, 30, who said: "He's sentenced me to a life of darkness." Mrs Haroon-Qadri, of West Norwood, south London, who wanted a divorce from her arranged marriage, added: "I've got life but he's only been sentenced to a short term." Hassan Qadri, 40, admitted causing grievous bodily harm with intent

# Insurers join battle

that the government would guarantee cover above that. Present at the meeting were Ian Rushton, chairman of the Association of British Insurers, Peter Ward, general manager at Commercial Union, Ruth Rulley and Cooper Mitchell on behalf of the British Institute of Insurance

Brokers Association (BIIBA), Martin Taylor, of Hanson, and John Pollard on behalf of the Confederation of British Industry, and Liz Taylor for the Association of Insurance and Risk Managers.

Mr Hamilton gave a clear message that the government was prepared to consider a deal BIBA and Lloyd's bro-

kers are meeting to try to agree a deal to set up a discretionary fund to provide initial cover of

Who will contribute to the fund is unclear. One sugges-tion is that policy holders provide half the required amount by paying an extra 5 per cent in commercial insurance premiums, with the remainder provided by the insurers. If the government stepped in, foreign reinsurers might be enticed back into taking a finite risk.

The British Retail Consortium, whose members are most exposed to the IRA campaign, is meeting next week to agree a package to put



Light of hope: Elma Foric, five, whose home in the village of Kozarac, Bosnia, was burned down, yesterday looking forward to a new life. She and her family have been brought to Britain by the Leeds-based charity Alert so that Elma can have a kidney operation

1st AID appeal, page 11, leading article, page 13

# French farmers defended

a rapid response to complaints

under new standards for gen-eral practitioner services an-

nounced yesterday.

GPs will also be asked to set

local standards for their own

practices, specifying maximum waiting times to see a

doctor in the surgery or to contact one by telephone in an

The standards, which ex-

tend the patient's charter to

primary care and include

prompt help with changing one's doctor, were announced

yesterday by Virginia Bottom-

ley, the health secretary, and take effect next April. "We

have had notable success in

equired urgently.

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given monthly progress re-ports until the complaint is

compel GPs to adhere to national standards because

they are independent contrac-

tors. However, health authorities are asked to provide

guidelines to encourage GPs

to set out what patients can

As well as covering waiting

times, arrangements for con-

tacting a doctor and dealing

with complaints, there should

be standards for the way in

which they pass on results of

tests, health promotion work.

facilities for people with child-ren and disabled people and

services for ethnic minorities.

The British Medical Associ-

ation said the charter would help all GPs reach the stan-

dard of the best. Since the

patient's charter for hospital

services was introduced last

April, two-year waiting lists

have been cleared and health

authorities are working to cut

waiting lists to 18 months in

INSURANCE cover for

people and buildings as a result of terrorist violence has

not been available in North-em Ireland since the begin-

Compensation claims for

private or commercial proper-

y since 1968 totals more than

£650 million, most caused by

IRA violence. The figure for injury is £220 million.
The most expensive years

were the mid to late 1970s

with compensation reaching £56 million in 1977. This

year, IRA explosions in

Belfast and several larger

towns are expected to produce

a combined total of more than

ning of the present troubles.

some specialties.

emergency.

human spirit of unrelenting migration from the country-side to the big cities." France, he said, had set others an inspiring example of civilised values perpetuated and nurtured within an overall cultural approach to life.

Those were underpinned, he said, "by giving due impor-tance to the kind of rural traditions without which it would be impossible to enjoy a way of life that recognises both in the countryside and the town - the importance of elements in our lives which enrich and ennoble us, but which are not cost-effective in strictly economic terms".

Quoting sources from Adam Smith to Guy de Maupassant, the prince confirmed himself to be a less than total disciple of laissez-faire Thatcherite economics, and more of a committed environmentalist.

"We continue to base our economic practices on the pursuit of growth, in a mantainable in ecological terms, but also incurs a host of other costs - growing wealth differ-entials, an unhealed divide between north and south, a horrendous debt burden, and the creation of an underclass in many industrialised countries," he said.

☐ The prince's remarks struck a responsive chord at the National Farmers' Union, where there is much sympathy for French farmers' fears about the impact of a Gatt settlement if not always for the manner in which they express them (Michael Homsby writes

David Naish, the union's president, said last night "I will be seeing the prime minister on Monday and will be telling him of our concern about the effect of agricultural policy on the fabric of rural

Bumper harvest, page 7 Photograph, page 10

# Heads condemn tests at 14 as bureaucratic monster

By John O'Leary, education correspondent

THE head of the state school with the best examination results in England led an assault by 17 leading selective ernment's plans for 14 to 16-

In a joint letter to The Times and other newspapers, the heads echoed many of the criticisms made by independent schools last month of testing and curriculum changes. They said tests at 14 were a bureaucratic monster in the making and that subjects such as art, music and the classics were under threat in the state sector.

£70 million. The 1RA has

increasingly focused on what it calls "economic targets", planting huge bombs in city

centres with the intention of

wrecking the infrastructure in

the belief that eventually Brit-

ain will conclude that it cannot

afford to continue footing the

The compensation system in Northern Ireland, which

requires claimants to obtain a

certificate from the chief con-

stable confirming that dam-

age was caused by organised

violence, has been the subject

of considerable criticism over

delays in the provision of funds.

Phobia clinic, page 6

Ulster bombs cost

£70m in past year

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

cation ministers were accused by Sir Malcolm Thornton, Conservative chairman of the Commons select committee on education, of allowing rightwing pressure groups to influence education policy unduly. Ministerial sources denied that Conservative think-tanks

were dictating policy. Keith Howard, head of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, which had the best combined GCSE and A-level results of all English state schools, wrote a month ago to Baroness Blatch, the education minister, complaining that the new curriculum The criticism came as edubeyond the age of 14 was too

THE European Community

must take a leading role in

forging a new international

system for controlling the

spread of arms and dual-use

technology, a report by a research organisation said

The EC's five principal arms

exporters currently account for

19 per cent of world trade in

major defence systems" and

17 per cent of sales to coun-

tries in the Third World, according to the 136-page report Saferworld.

controls on the sale of equip-ment that could be used for

military programmes follows

The call for tighter EC

prescriptive. She replied this week that schools had a "sig-nificant element of flexibility" and should organise the curriculum to meet their own requirements. Mr Howard and colleagues

from other West Midlands grammar schools said that the curriculum risked becoming a straitjacket. Statutory requirements left virtually no time for other subjects. "The rich variety which should be on offer to all pupils, and certainly to academically gifted pupils, will be under threat and could result in an impoverishment of academic provi-

civil servants had approved

the sale to Iraq of dual-use technology such as machine-

tooling equipment.
The Saferworld report said

the EC should draw up a detailed list of non-EC coun-

tries, specifying which should

Control. Saferworld,

(institutional),

Colston Street, Bristol,

restrictions.

reject suggestions of snooping, saying their aim is to reduce crime. But Liberty, the civil liberties pressure group, is concerned that there are no legal constraints on such systems. "We sion in the maintained sector." are not against the idea in principle." Alison Vickers, a spokesman said. "But at present there is no statutory EC urged to take lead regulation. There are no re-straints on who operates them,

tapes or how long they are kept. "Would they be used during By Michael Evans, defence correspondent political demonstrations? These are matters the Home the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial, during which it Office should be addressing as more and more of these sysemerged that ministers and tems come into use."

Gordon Allanson, manager of Eldon Square shopping centre, said visitors no longer threat. "Attitudes have changed and people will look on the cameras as a benefit, making them feel safer and more comfortable," he said.

Protest at

'snoop'

cameras

By PAUL WILKINSON

BRITAIN'S largest network of city-centre surveillance cameras was switched on yesterday

amid calls for legislation to

provide strict controls over

Businesses in Newcastle

upon Tyne and the city coun-

cil, which have split the £300,000 cost between them,

who has access to the video-

who uses them.

be subject to export licence Pictures from the 16 cam-Arms and Dual-Use Exports from the EC, A Common Policy for Regulation and £60

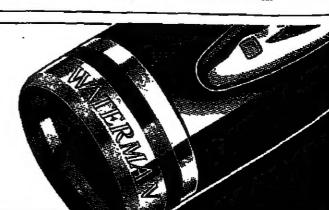
eras will be fed to a controlroom at the city's central police station. Supt Peter Durham. who is charge of the operation. said only one person had suggested they might infringe civil liberties.

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Investigators find that nobody was to blame for multi-million pound castle blaze

# Spotlight near curtain started Windsor fire, enquiry decides

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE fire that destroyed a large part of Windsor Castle two weeks ago was probably caused by a spotlight accidentally setting light to a curtain in the private chapel. The official report into the blaze, delivered to the Queen and made known yesterday, con-cludes that no individual was

to blame. Buckingham Palace has welcomed the report, saying that no further investigation into the incident is necessary. The palace said it had no plans at present to take legal action against any contractors involved in the renovation project under way at Windsor. Police, forensic scientists

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and fire officers spent eight days investigating the wreck-age in the northeast corner of the castle's Upper Ward and conducted more than 100 interviews. Their brief, oneand-a-half-page report con-firms that the fire started close to the altar of the first-floor private chapel.

Investigators ruled out any suggestion that the fire might have been started deliberately. They also eliminated the possibilities of a discarded cigarette, faults in electrical equipment or circuits, or the fire having spread from an

external source.

Royal staff will meet fire and heritage experts next week to discuss measures to prevent a repetition of the Windsor disaster at other historic properties

large picture pushed a curtain

The pictures had been there

for three months. Some were

being restored, but no work

was being carried out on them at the time of the blaze.

hold, the national heritage

department and fire preven-

tion experts will meet next week to discuss the report and

what measures might be introduced to prevent a simi-

lar disaster in other royal

The Fire Protection Associ-

insurers, yesterday welcomed

the Windsor report as "obvi-ously very professional and thorough", but regretted that the recommendations of its

report drawn up after the fire

at Hampton Court in 1986

had not been fully observed.

they were resistant to the idea

edly would have contained the

association said.

palaces and buildings.

Officials of the royal house-

close to the spotlight.

pers that the culprit was an art and the report suggests that a restorer who sprayed inflammable solvent near a hot lamp. Art restoration played no part in the blaze, the investigators state.

Palace officials were at pains yesterday to clear the name of Viola Pemberton-Pigott, a picture restorer working for the royal collection, whom some newspapers named as having caused the fire. "We are pleased that the report effectively exonerates her and her collectively exonerates her and her colleagues in the royal collection department of any blame," the palace said. "Her contribution to the salvage operation in initially raising the alarm, and ensuring that the coments of the private chapel were so quickly removed to safety, is much

The offending spotlight, sited at a high level in the chapel, is understood to have been part of the permanent been recently refitted. When the fire began the chapel was being used to store pictures, moved there while redecora-The report quashes the tion and rewiring was carried suggestion in some newspa- out in adjoining apartments,

They put in a very good fire-detection system at Windsor, lighting system and to have but there was a delay in calling the fire brigade, and of sprinklers, which undoubtfire at its point of origin." the

With the exception of Sir William Beechey's vast canvas of George III reviewing his troops, a large Regency side-board, a Victorian carpet and several pieces of porcelain, the important contents of Windsor were saved. But the damage to the fabric of the building was enormous. Some unofficial estimates put the cost of reconstruction as high as £60 million. The palace and national heritage department refuse to put a figure, or a time scale, on what will be one of the largest and most challenging heritage res-toration projects.





Night of flames ... and the aftermath: the Queen inspects damage after the blaze that began in a chapel

# Sex attack sentence cut for bogus priest

By A STAFF REPORTER

A BOGUS priest jailed for life for the sex attack of a mother of four in her home had his sentence reduced to six years by three appeal judges in

Scotland yesterday. They ruled that a life sentence was "excessive" for the attack by John Cronin, 21. who posed as a priest to gain entry to the home of the woman, who was active in Tory politics, saying he wished to make a donation to party

As they talked, Cronin suddenly attacked the woman and subjected her to a severe sexual assault. He forced her to perform a number of indecent acts. He also tried to choke her and beat her with his fists and a poker.

Cronin, from Tranent, Lo-thian, also admitted a number of offences in Edinburgh beyear while pretending to be Father Sean Mulligan, a parish priest from Limerick.

He posed as a priest to celebrate Mass at St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh and later sparked a police alert by claiming he saw escaped IRA terrorist Nessan Quinlivan walking

along the street. He committed the sex attack while on bail after being arrested in connection with the alert. Lord McCluskey alled Cronin for life at the High Court in Edinburgh in August. At the time the judge said: "In my judgment you are highly dangerous to the public." Psychiatric reports stated his behaviour was "outrageous, inexplicable and un-controllable".

But Lord Cowie, who heard the appeal with Lord Murray and Lord Wylie, said the contents of the psychiatric report did not support the

imposition of a life sentence.

The judges said the only occasion on which Cronin showed any sign of placing a member of the public at risk was during the assault on the woman, and that was not enough to justify a life sentence

Cronin, who was described as "an evil Walter Mitty" character when he first appeared in court, smiled and waved to the public benches as he left the dock.

# Diplomat gets 20 years for smuggling

A HIGH-RANKING Thai diplomat based in London was jailed yesterday for 20 years for smuggling 50 kilograms of heroin into Heathrow airport last August. He is the most senior diplomat con-

victed for drug trafficking.
Piseth Pamarapa, 45, is first secretary at the Thai embassy in London and a representa-tive of the Thai National Intelligence Agency, the secret service set up with CIA back-ing 30 years ago. One of his jobs was to link with the British security services.

Pamarapa, part of a drug smuggling ring, had hoped to bring into Britain heroin worth £4.5 million packed into two cases under the cover of

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diplomatic immunity, but was arrested at the airport after he had walked through the green channel wearing his diplomat's badge. Immediately after his arrest the Thai authorities waived immunity and he was found guilty in

June of drug smuggling. Customs officers, who have suspected for some time that privilege is still being abused to bring drugs into Britain. sentence which they see as a great deterrent against diplo-

Sentenced at Kingston Crown Court, Judge Dewi Thomas told Pamarapa: "You decided although you had a job, a good position and salary

to misuse privileges of being an honourable diplomat. These privileges carry an obvious and clear obligation."

Lord Richard QC, counsel for Pamarapa, described him as a "pious individual who had shown no sign of veering into crime. "This is a very sad case as far as Mr Pamarapa is concerned. To quote a biblical phrase, he was tempted and he fell, and his fall has been

Pamarapa was recruited by a Pakistani family of drug barons headed by the late Omer Khan Yousuf Zia, whose son, Dameed Umer Khan, 33, a businessman from east London, was one of co-defendants found

guilty with Pamarapa. Khan was jailed for 20 years, and Surat Sakkaravej, a Thai businessman from north London, was jailed for 17 years. Judge Thomas told Khan: "You were the right-hand man, immediately below your father, for setting-up and carrying out

Before passing sentence, Judge Thomas said that drug smuggling was "one of the worst offences that could be committed in our society". He recommended that all three defendants be deported after serving their sentences and ordered the seizure of £77,000 money under the Drugs Trafficking Offences Act 1986.

# Reagan wows bright young things at the Oxford Union

The end, when it came, CLEARLY determined to was mercifully brief. emphasise intellectual parity with his Oxford Union audi-Just before 12.30 on Wednesday, September ence and a continuous inter-16, John Major, est in international affairs, Ronald Reagan yesterday de-livered a speech laden with cultured allusions and pre-Norman Lamont and the inner cabinet gathered at Admiralty scriptions for world peace. House. The dining room was adorned with

Acknowledging the cheers of the crowd with a slightly bemused but eternally grateful smile, Mr Reagan little realised how close he had come to minor disaster. Minutes before his triumphal arrival at the podium a chair was swapped. "Get another quick! There's paint on this one which could leave a nasty stain on the seat of his trousers," said a horrified member of the union to an paintings of great naval

anxious minion. figures and conflicts of Mr Reagan seemed genu-inely surprised by the warmth a different era - one showed the Greek god of his welcome from the bright, young audience. "I am Hercules rejecting, in the shape of two female delighted to be with you. In fact, at my age, I'm delighted to be anywhere." he said to prolonged, if slightly facefigures, Pleasure for Virtue. The choice facing the gathering

tious, applause.
The self-depricating bon was less appetising, but just as stark . . . 9 mot was the former presi-dent's only digression from a A special Insight investigation into the day five-page text peppered with ciarion calls to action against the pound dropped out of the ERM — News Review, The Sunday "tin horn" dictators, despots and brigands from Bosnia to the Horn of Africa. With the

The former American president, undimmed by time, collected an oar and seemed to want another for the set

aid of twin inconspicuous teleprompt screens, he quoted T S Eliot, Churchill, Arnold Toynbee and Disraeli.

He also dredged up a passage from Heine to vindicate his tarnished reputation on foreign affairs. Beaming as his confidence grew, he recalled that the German poet once said of an ambassador: "Ordinarily, he is insane, but he has lucid moments when he is only stupid. Some experts regarded me that way. Whenever I hear such comments I know I must be on to

something."
As the laughter, not altogether kind, died down, Mr Reagan redeployed his serious world statesman look. "Let us be frank Evil still stalks the planet."

He proposed air strikes against Greater Serbia and against Greater Seroia and accused Nato of refusing to "cross the street" to stop wholesale slaughter. Allowing Belgrade a free hand to continue ethnic cleansing in Boston and allowing the street of nia was silently to acquiesce to mass murder. He also urged international action in Somalia and Sudan - "a

military force." The less concerned in the

audience had begun to as-sume a stightly glazed expres-sion towards the fifth page of Mr Reagan's address. Others.

though, clung to every word.

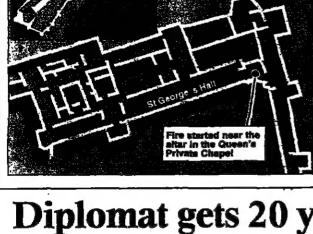
As Mr Reagan sat down an oar was brought to the platform—a memento of his visit.

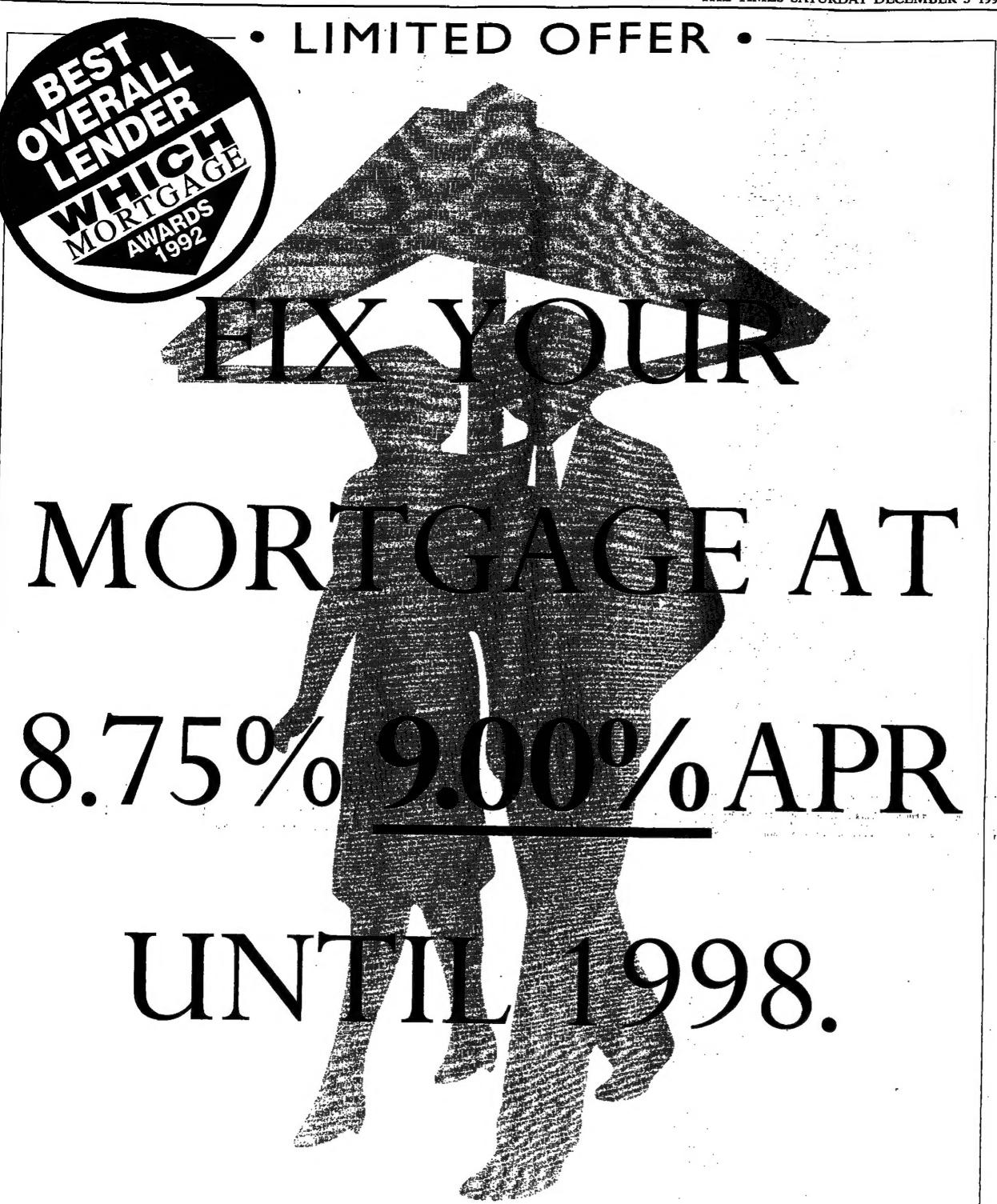
Examining the blade, he appeared to ask his hosts whether he shouldn't have two to make up the set. Once the Reagan cavalcade

had left for lunch at Keble College with Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, students began dis-secting the performance. Tim Short, an engineering stu-dent, said: "The reception was almost as good as we gave Eddie the Eagle and the game show host Jim Bowen."

Thomas Purifoy, a student at New College, said: "I come from Little Rock, Arkansas — Bill Clinton's home town, But Reagan is still the man. His spirit is undimmed; he's a fighter and that was one good speech from one fine world







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# An arbitration panel will avoid lengthy process of taking disputes to court

# British sport seeks to put its house in order

The failure of the Aga Khan's action emphasises the importance of fairness by sports bodies

BY CHARLES WOODHOUSE

TOP sports administrators will need no reminding after this week that sport is not above the law. But they may sleep more easily after the failure of the Aga Khan's challenge to the Jockey Club's disqualification of his 1989 Oaks winner, Aliysa, in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The judgment came within \$17.67 million (£11.78 million) damages awarded by a US court to the 400 metres world record holder Harry "Butch" Reynolds against the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) over a drugs-related ban. At the same time, Salisbury

Crown Court acquitted the Brentford footballer Gary Blissett of causing grievous bodily harm to John Uzell of Torquay United, who had to be operated on for a fractured left cheek bone and eye socket floor last year after a clash for the ball. English courts appear to trust more than their American counterparts in the fair-

ness of sporting organisations' disciplinary procedures.

The Jockey Club case emphasises again the importance of sports bodies acting fairly and reasonably and within the terms of the care within the terms of their own constitutions and disciplinary procedures. If they do so (and it is a big if), then as private bodies, albeit with powers that affect millions, the English courts will not subject their decisions to judicial review.

In the Court of Appeal the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, accepted that while in many ways the Jockey described as public, they were

in no sense governmental. For the Aga Khan, Sydney Kentridge QC had argued that the Jockey Club's monopolistic position meant it controlled not just a sport but an industry. Accordingly, its decijudicial review in the same









Not above the law: yesterday's decision to uphold the disqualification of Aliysa at the Oaks, top, came a day after John Uzell, right, lost a case in which he accused another footballer of assault, and Harry Reynolds, centre, was awarded £11.8 million damages. Katrin Krabbe, the German sprinter, may take her drug test dispute to the English courts

ment departments, local authorities and other statutory

For the Jockey Club, Patrick Milmo QC had argued that its disciplinary committee was no more performing a public duty than an umpire deciding whether a ball was tampered

He argued successfully that there were no grounds for distinguishing the Jockey Club's powers in racing from other domestic controlling Tennis Association, the British way as for those of govern- Board of Boxing Control and the Football Association. Unless successfully appealed in the House of Lords, yesterday's decision should reassure national and international sports bodies about the reluctance of the English courts to interfere with and secondguess their decisions.

Just over two years ago the IAAF had its drug rules and procedures challenged in the High Court by a Swiss runner. Sandra Gasser. She had argued two points. First, that the able restraint of trade because supports the German athletics will lead to a disciplinary they imposed some absolute authorities four year-ban on committee hearing, with the house, rather than subjecting

offence rather than one depending on the guilt of the athlete. This argument was rejected by Mr Justice Scott, with her second argument that there were procedural irregularities relating to her drug testing which amounted to breaches of natural justice. Mr Justice Scott said they were not and there was no unfairness.

However, Katrin Krabbe, the German sprinter, is conng coming to the Eng-

her after she had tested positive for drugs. Against this background of litigation, British sports bodies have been actively working to put their houses in order. Although not strictly part of the requirement of natural justice, it is now generally recognised that to effectively internally, sports bodies must have an appeal procedure as an essential safety valve. Thus, where a doping offence has taken disciplinary proceed-

right of appeal to an independent tribunal. The word independent needs to be underlined, to ensure that those who hear the case have had no previous connection with and no bias or prejudice.

As a further measure to ensure that sports disputes on matters such as dope testing and eligibility decisions avoid going to court, the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) is setting up a British Sports Arbitration Panel resolve sporting disputes in-

them to expensive and timeconsuming ordeals in the courts. It was 1989 when the Aga Khan's Aliysa won the

Those familiar with the growth of alternate dispute resolution in other specialist areas will not be at all surprised that at long last British sport should within the next few months have in place its own arbitration panel. □ Charles Woodhouse is a lawyer specialising in sport

Appeal rejected, page 28 officials.

# Ministers rethink rights of immigrants

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL STAFF

MOUNTING pressure from Tory backbenchers has forced the government to reconsider plans to curb the number of immigrants and asylum seekers entering Britain. Conservative MPs protesting at proposals to abolish the appeal rights of visitors refused entry to Britain claimed yesterday that more colleagues have

joined the campaign. Up to 20 Conservative MPs are reported to have voiced opposition to a clause in the sylum and immigration appeals bill, which they claim will deny thousands of genuine applicants the right to visit their families in Britain.

appeal rights of visitors and students applying to stay in Britain for less than six months. Charles Wardle, the immigration minister, met a delegation of Conservative MPs, many representing seats with large ethnic minority populations, to discuss the likelihood of amending clause nine of the bill. He is expected to announce a decision on Tuesday during the bill's com-

They are worried that the might lead to corruption among high commission clearance officers, who could be confident that their deci-sions on immigration applica-tions would not be reexamined. The minister ruled out substantial relaxation of the bill to allow extensive appeal procedures in Britain. but MPs are optimistic that he may offer a safety net by allowing an appeal process at high commission level.

The government believes the bill's tighter regulations will cut the number of immigration appeals and help to reached 27,000 last year.

Mr Wardle has also been forced to offer the possibility of concessions to stave off potenstanding committee that is examining the bill. The minister faced cross-party opposition on the issue of giving unaccompanied children applying for asylum the right to interviewed by immigration

# ITV loses programme rights

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ITV is to challenge rules imposed yesterday by the Office of Fair Trading that could threaten the quality of its shows by restricting its ownership of programme rights. Unless the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission over- new rules do not apply to the turns the ruling, ITV companies will be prevented from acquiring options to produce further series of any of its big hits, from London's Burning to Coronation Street. As the

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BBC. Channel 4 or BSkyB, any rival broadcaster will be able to bid against the channel for the rights to broadcast second and third runs of ITV-funded and produced programmes.

"This will put ITV at a massive disadvantage against all other UK channels," Greg Dyke, chairman of the ITV Association and chief executive of LWT, said. "We would be surprised if this could be described as fair trading in any circumstances. This is a charter for channels relying on secondary products and picking off the best of ITV."

ITV will also be barred from buying programme rights lasting longer than five years with an option for a further two. BBC, Channel 4 or BSkyB retain rights for unlimited periods.

Andrew Quinn, ITV's chief executive, said that the ruling would mean "one or two years of total instability". It would encourage the channel to spend up to 30 per cent less on original productions.

Mr Dyke said that the ruling would deter ITV companies from investing in expensive productions, whether made in-house or by indepen-dent producers. "ITV will never pay 100 per cent for any programme again, so it's hard to see where the funding will come from for expensive productions such as London's

Burning." He said that it could ultimately threaten the British production industry.

The OFT, charged by the 1990 Broadcasting Act with ensuring that ITV's network commissioning arrangements are fair and competitive, ruled that the ten-year duration and exclusivity of rights sought by ITV was anti-competitive and would put independent producers at a disadvantage. Sir Bryan Carsberg, the office's director-general, said that denying rival broadcasters access to secondary broadcasting rights "is intended and likely to restrict competition".

ITV plans to appeal to the monopolies commission next week against Sir Bryan's deci-sion. The Independent Tele-vision Commission will also consider an appeal. A commission enquiry would last about six months, during which time ITV could continue commissioning under exist-ing rules. It could then lock up long-term rights to any pro-gramme commissioned before a final ruling.

The ITV system outlined in this document is not the system individual companies bid for when applying for their licences and if this comes into effect companies might well wish to call into question their licence terms," Mr Dyke said. ITV companies face an annual bill from the Treasury of almost £500 million after last year's blind-bid auction.

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# Channel 5 takes off

BY OUR MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHANNEL 5 seems likely to begin broadcasting in London next autumn after Thames Television, the sole bidder, last night met its deadline to assure the Independent Tele-vision Commission that its

funding was in place.
Negotiations with potential shareholders were concluded yesterday just hours before the 5pm deadline, but Thames declined to reveal its partners. saying only that "the necessary information" had been delivered to the regulator.

Few industry sources had expected Thames to find the financial backing to launch the channel: or. after months

its decision on December 17. Thames and Moses Znaimer, the founder of Totonto's irreverant CityTV, plan to build a group of localised CityIV stations, beginning in London next autunna, then Manchester in 1994 and other cities to follow. It would broadcast 24hour news, films and music. Pearson, publisher of The

of failed negotiations, that

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Financial Times and a shareholder of BSkyB, is understood to be one of Thames' partners. There are believed to be two other investors.

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# Irish minister predicts poll deadlock will drag on till Christmas

A NEW Irish government may not be formed until after Christmas, a senior member of the outgoing administration said yesterday.

Bertie Ahern, who continues as finance minister pending agreement on a new coalition following last week's election, said in Dublin that he expected negotiations to continue for more than three weeks. Mr Ahern, whose Fianna Fáil party lost ten seats and looks unlikely to remain in power, did not believe, however, that political instabil-ity was exacerbating the difficulties of the Irish currency.

The caretaker administration run by Albert Reynolds, the outgoing prime minister, will represent Ireland at the European Commission summit in Edinburgh.
Nevertheless, if Mr Ahern's

analysis is right, Ireland will be effectively without a government to cope with continuing assaults on the punt and speculation that a devaluation is inevitable. The delay may also affect the next budget, due at the end of January.

Mr Ahern's comments came as the Irish Labour party continued its negotiations with Democratic Left, part of its effort to form a centre-left coalition with Fine Gael. The possibility of such a coalition depends to a large extent on the outcome of what is believed to be the longest election count in Irish history, in the Dublin South Central con-

The third full recount to decide whether the fourth seat in the constituency should go to Eric Byrne of Democratic Left or Ben Briscoe of Fianna Fail was expected to be concluded last night, after nine days of counting at the Royal Dublin Society. The indica-tions were that Mr Briscoe may win the seat by as few as four votes. If the final result is very close, either one of the

decision into next week.

A win for Mr Byrne would give Democratic Left a total of five seats, which would be enough to give a coalition of Fine Gael, Labour and Democratic Left command of the

So far John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, has ruled out the possibility of entering any government involving Democratic Left. Mr Bruton, who begins his own coalition discussions with the Progressive Democrats this weekend, has cited the opposition of the small Marxist party to the Maastricht treaty as the main

He has repeatedly said that he wishes to lead a three-way coalition of Fine Gael, Progressive Democrats and Lahour. The Labour party, however, remains determined to press ahead with its negotia tions with Democratic Left and a joint platform may be



Fistful of gold: Roger Mintey's find of coins with a face value of £120 could fetch him £150.000

# Unearthed treasure up for sale

BY SARAH JANE CHECKLAND ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

AN ACCOUNTANT who spends his weekends searching for hidden treasure is likely to earn £150,000 next week when he sells a hoard of 15th century coins he found in

a field near Reigate.

Roger Mintey made his discovery — said by the British Museum to be the largest collection found since 1351 to be properly recorded - at the end of a long day trudging the countryside. The field had been scoured by rivals, and he was just about to give up when he "got an enormous response from the ground".

The hoard contained 136 gold and 6,567 silver coins veighing 50lbs, with a total face value of £120 — a fortune in those days. Mr Mintey's previous finds had been limited to a couple of coins.

He then went through the official procedure according to the English law of treasure ery with his local police station, which referred him to the coroner's court. After a hearing lasting 90 minutes, a jury pronounced the coins treasure, whereupon Mr Mintey gave the British Museum the first option to buy his find. Barrie Cook, the museum's expert, selected 300 pieces, and negotiations are under way to agree their market

The remainder of the coins will be sold at Glendinings, of Blenheim Street, London WI,

on Tuesday.

☐ The Royal Opera House's hope of raising up to £150,000 by selling an autographed manuscript of an opera by Donizetti were dashed when it failed to sell at Sotheby's. The manuscript for "Elizabetta" had been hailed as a major find when it was unearthed recently in the Music Library

#### gery. Orgies also involved the mother, who received a six-"There are many cases now adays where wholesale abuse of children by parents have to be dealt with," he said. "Although it may seem strange to say this, it is not an exceptional or rare case. It is almost a run

Bryan Norman, 53, a City fi-

serious example.

hancial expert of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, won £883,654 agreed damages in the High Court for being de-prived of his £150,000 a year income when he suffered head injuries in a head-on collision.

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The case of a father jailed for using his young daughter as a plaything for perverts has been described by Lord Justice

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A fire caused by an electrical wiring fault broke out on a Sealink ferry sailing from Di-eppe to Newhaven. Twentyfour crew members were treated for smoke inhalation. but the 12 passengers on

Students riot

Mushirul Hasan, a professor in Delhi whose comments supporting Salman Rushdie sparked riots that closed his university for three months. was taken to hospital yesterday after Muslim students attacked him with knives on his first day back at work.

## Chef fined

Raymond Blanc, owner of Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons, was banned from driving for six months and fined £350 after being caught speeding twice in five weeks. He drove at 130mph in his BMW to a meeting in London and at 95mph in a 50mph zone.

# Osborne sale

The playwright John Osborne is placing for sale the original handwritten manuscript of Look Back in Anger, which was first produced in 1956. It is expected to fetch £30,000 to £40,000 at Sotheby's in London on December 14.

Briton's plea

Paul Ride, the Briton serving a seven-year jail term in Iraq, has written to Ken Bates, the chairman of Chelsea football club, asking him to persuade the prime minister to press for his release so he can return to watch Chelsea play.

Last pickings

Mike and Lorna Delanoy will close the Fenland Farm Museum near Ely, Cambridgeshire, tomorrow after 23 years and 85,000 visitors.

# Clinic helps phobics unbutton their fears

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THERE is no fear so compelling as that which is unex-plained, according to Michael Whitenburgh. One woman is so terrified of buttons that she has had them removed from her clothes and replaced with Velcro fastening

A 60-year-old retired post office worker has not seen in the new year for 35 years because of her fear of bagpipes. "If I hear 'Mull of Kintyre', I go to pieces," she

Both were among 1,700 people who contacted Mr Whitenburgh's phobia clinic in Liverpool for help in just one month, prompting him to launch National Phobia Awareness week. "We wanted people to know they don't bave to live with a phobia. We can crack them," Mr Whitenburgh said.

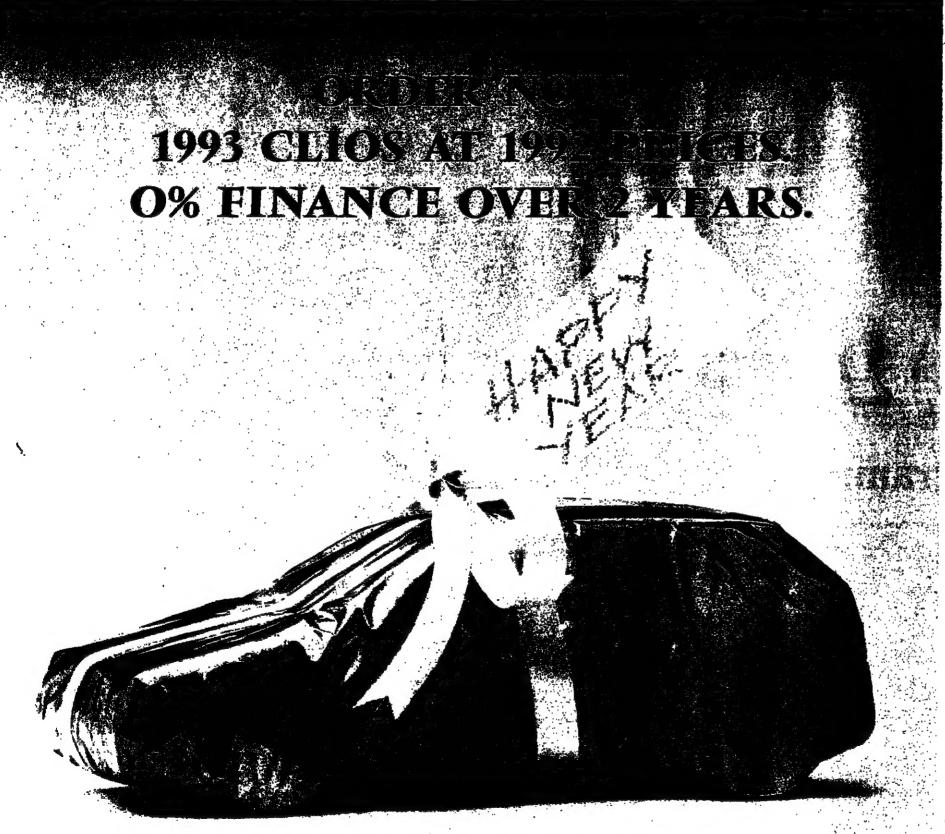
A young man treated at the clinic wanted to join the navy but suffered from an irrational fear of brushes. Mr Whitenburgh, who describes himself as a psychoanalyst. traced the fear to an experience in his early teens when he had had a crew cut and was teased because his hair stood up like a scrubbing brush and his ears stock out like taxi "We've had a woman with a

phobia of ballcocks," Mr Whitenburgh said. "If anyone lifts the cover off a cistern, she goes into a flat spin. We've had people with fears of waterialls, dwarfs, Punch and Judy, as well as the commoner ones of flying and claustrophobia."

Some phobias create more serious problems, such as the games phobia suffered by a girl aged 6, who was so terrified of PE at school that she had nightmares. After she had refused to attend games classes for a year, her headteacher said that the national curriculum was being breached and warned her parents that he might have to expel her.

Some phobias turn out to be fatal. Adeton Adegoke, a student nurse, was terrified of dogs and fell into a canal in east London and drowned last summer trying to avoid one.

One of the most widespread phobias, however, is fear of the Channel tunnel. "Dear old British Rail will keep me in



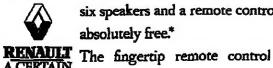
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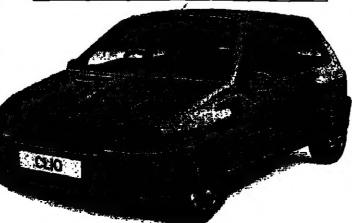


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# Farmers reap bumper harvest from Britain's ERM exit

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

BRITAIN'S farmers can look forward to substantially highet incomes next year in spite of the recession and cuts in production subsidies imposed under the reform of the Euro-rean Community's common from £48.

agricultural policy (CAP).
Their relative good fortune, as well as the lack of a Gallic tridition of peasant revolt, helps to explain why the yunnen of England are not daving their tractors into the streets or dumping manure on the doorstep of John Gummer, the agriculture minister.

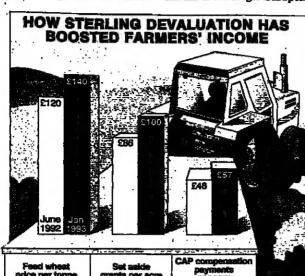
The immediate reason why farmers are cushioned against the nation's economic woes is the sharp devaluation of the pound since its suspension from the European exchangerate mechanism in September. That factor, and other changes to the EC's arcane "green currency" system, are likely by next month to give famuers an 18 per cent in-crease in the subsidies that form a large part of their income, even after allowing for the mini-surge in sterling's

value in the past week.
Feed wheat should be fetching £140 a tonne, compared with the £120 farmers were expecting last June when the CAP reform was agreed; payments for leaving land fallow income under the CAP reunder the set-aside scheme will be about £100 an acre instead of £86; and compensation for cuts in support prices will be £57-£58 an acre, up

Jim Ward, head of agricul-tural research at Savills, the estate agents, said: "The immediate future is looking pretty rosy. Some high-yielding farmers may still suffer loss of

form, but anyone growing 2.9 tonnes an acre or less, which covers most farmers, should clearly be better off."

EC farm subsidies are fixed in European currency units and then converted into national currencies at special "green" rates that lag behind real currency movements. From next month, with the advent of the single European



market, the "green" pound will be brought fully into line with the real pound and adjusted as necessary every month.

That means that any continuing fall in the value of sterling will translate almost immediately into higher subsi-dies for British farmers. Conversely, if the pound goes up, the sterling value of subsidies will come down, but the pound would have to make a dramatic recovery to wipe out all the depreciation of the past three months. Even without the devalua-

tion bonus, with prudent costton bonus, with prident cost-cutting the average arable farmer should notice no loss of income under the CAP re-form, says a survey of 390 farms in eastern England by the department of land economy at Cambridge University.

The study estimates that an average-sized farm of 467 acres will be making almost the same profit in real terms in 1995-6, after two years of CAP reform, as in 1990-1. ☐ Report on Farming in the Eastern Counties of England 1990-1 (Department of Land Economy, 16-21 Silver Street, Cambridge CB3 9EL:£12.50)



his hundredth birthday yesterday, taking his daily walk in the grounds of Belmont Abbey, Hertfordshire. Fr McLachlan, who is believed to be the world's oldest

own celebratory Mass, watched by members of his family from Paris. Fr McLachlan, who was born at Hackney, east London, entered the order at Belmont in 1920. He retired in 1976, after teaching and working in Lancashire, Cumbria, Hereford and Worcester, Merseyside and Comwall.

# Credo

# Royals reflect our own image

The Rev Jonathan Sedgwick

has been a bad one for the royal family. Yet I believe we are mistaken in assuming that its events tell us primarily about the state of the monarchy. I suspect they say rather more about us.

One of the earliest examples of the shifting ands of public opinion comes in the Christian Holy

Jesus made a triumphal entry into Jerusalem but the celebrations were shortlived, and largely the same crowd would bay for His blood days later. It was as a projection of their aspirations that they cheered, and t was their disappointment that He was not what they would have Him be that turned them against Him. At work in the relationship between us and our public figures is the projection of our needs and fears

on to them, and it is most rue of the monarch. What normally breaks down this one-way projection is real contact, and most of us are denied this. Like the hosannas that

preeted Christ's entry into ierusalem, the fairytale monarchy that seemed so accure in the early eighties was at least in part our construction. It was our iesire to have ideal, beautiful rich and romantic figurs that created an image for the Prince and Princess of Wales. Just as it was the distructive desires of the cowd that crucified Jesus. s) it is our desire to pry into ne privacy of others, our appetite for scandal and our villingness to cast off images we have tarnished that

threatens the monarchy. The royal family has something to tell us that is probably more important than the endless speculation

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being. They reflect something back to us about our health as a nation. They show us to be increasingly pre-occupied by the misfortunes of others and un-

able to apply any standards of compassion and rationality to a series of personal setbacks.

Because we live in a world creasingly volatile and influential, we have a correspondingly greater respons-ibility to take care of our institutions. Destruction has a corrupting life of its own. Before we can see what has happened, we may have damaged something pre-

♦ hrist gives hope, for the end of the Holy ✓ Week story is that, however great our destructive effort, the creativity of God and the power of love cannot be quenched by it. It asserts that, at every point, there is chance to turn back and co-operate with the creativity of love.

Perhaps someone does need to expose the weaknesses of the monarchy, and ask questions about the inequalities it represents and the snobbery it may encourage. However, it is clear that if the monarchy were to be destroyed it would not be by republican idealists; it would be by the rich, the disenchanted, the cynical and the opportunistic Above all, it would be destroyed by our weakness-es and destructive urges.

☐ The author is fellow and dean of divinity at Magda-len College, Oxford

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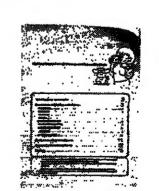




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# General pledges to 'meet fire with fire'

# Nineteen whites hurt in Cape cafe blast

NINETEEN whites were hurt when a bomb exploded at the Spur restaurant in Queenstown in the Eastern Cape, a crowded fast-food cafe just before midnight. Eight people were kept in hospital, of whom

five were seriously injured. Following hard on the attack, General Johan van der Merwe, the country's police chief, said that his men "will meet fire with fire", and he warned the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), which is being blamed for the bomb-ings, that "any member of Apla who commits acts of aggression against the people of South Africa will be severely

At the same time, three days of talks between the African National Congress and the South African government ended with a bland statement in bureaucratic language that ment and that efforts must be made to resume the Conven-

Africa (Codesa) in a more representative form.

General van der Merwe was given explicit backing for his stand against Apla by President de Klerk who, chatting to reporters after a meeting with Edouard Balladur, a former French finance minister, said: "We will not stand terrorism." He said that the government would act strongly to curb the violence, adding that the Apia action would have a profound Pan Africanist Congress. Apla is the armed wing of the PAC. Andries Treurnicht, the

right-wing Conservative Party leader, called for the banning of the PAC in the aftermath of the first bomb attack, in King William's Town at the week-end, in which two white couples died and 17 people were injured. The hardline Herstigte national party has gone further and called for the immediate arrest of the PAC's leadership. The PAC's youth wing replied that any attempt

tion for a Democratic South to carry out such action would lead to the deaths of more

> In fact, the chances of any serious white backlash are not large. The Nazi-style Afrika-ner Weerstandsbegweging (AWB or Afrikaner Resistance Movement), led by the faintly ludicrous Eugene Terre Blanche, is at present supposedly carrying out protection patrols on the border with Transkei. The only result so far has been an accusation that a black man was beaten to death when he fell foul of an AWB commando.

Both the Queenstown bomb attack and the assault on the golf dub party in King William's Town took place in the neck of land that separates the so-called independent Xhosa homelands, Transkei and

The PAC armed wing has not hitherto been highly reare now said to have been



Welcome home: Blandino Mones, left, greets a friend after he and five UN colleagues were freed by guerrillas

# **Hostages** tried to flee Khmer Rouge

FROM AFP

SIX United Nations peace-keepers held hostage by Khmer Rouge guerrillas since Tuesday said that they tried to escape twice, but they were halted by gunfire. They were

The men dishevelled and covered with mosquito and flea bites, returned to Phnom Penh from Kompong Thom province in central Cambodia visibly tired but in good health after their ordeal. UN officials said that the three Britons, two Filipinus and a New Zealander were freed after Khmer Rouge leaders authorised their release. However, Mak Ben, a Khmer Rouge official, said the detention was justified because the troops were spy ing for the Phnom Penh government. He indicated that any other peacekeepers caught trespassing in Khrier Rouge territory would also be detained.

# **Isolated Indians** welcome tourists

From Christopher Thomas In Itanagar, arunachal pradesh

Most of the 26 tribes in the mountainous northeastern tip of India have never seen an outsider. The British sealed off the region in 1873, saving it from cultural destruction by Christian missionaries. The Indian government continued the isolation policy after independence in 1947, preserving it as one of the most unexplored and unknown corners of the world. Last week the bastion fell.

The Delhi government anbe allowed to make controlled expeditions to two small districts, providing funds to modernise the last undevel-oped part of India. The local inistration, dominated by the comparatively well-educated Adi group of tribes, welcomed the move.

The region was known as the North-East Frontier Agency until it was renamed Arunyears ago the ban on outsid-ers, including Indians, has been all but absolute. There is not even an airport. Little is known about the region's ancient history because scholnot been allowed free rein to

explore.
The Indian government is divided about opening up Armachal. The environment department is nervous that virgin forests will be damage: and that tribes will be turned into self-conscious tourist gimmicks. The tourism department argues that a limit-ed but profitable tourist industry will create a vested interest in preserving the

Madhav Rao Scindis, the minister for tourism, flew in by helicopter to announce the selective opening of Aruna-chal Adi leaders let out a cheer as he did so. There are plans to set up helipads so that tourists can be ferried from airports in neighbouring Assam. Adi leaders say they kingdom of Bhutan and make tourism expensive and selec-tive to minimise cultural and

environmental damage. Arunachal's 52,000 square miles are home to barely 800,000 people, predomi-nantly of Indo-Mongoloid stock. Most are animists but there are some Buddhists. The tribes and sub-tribes

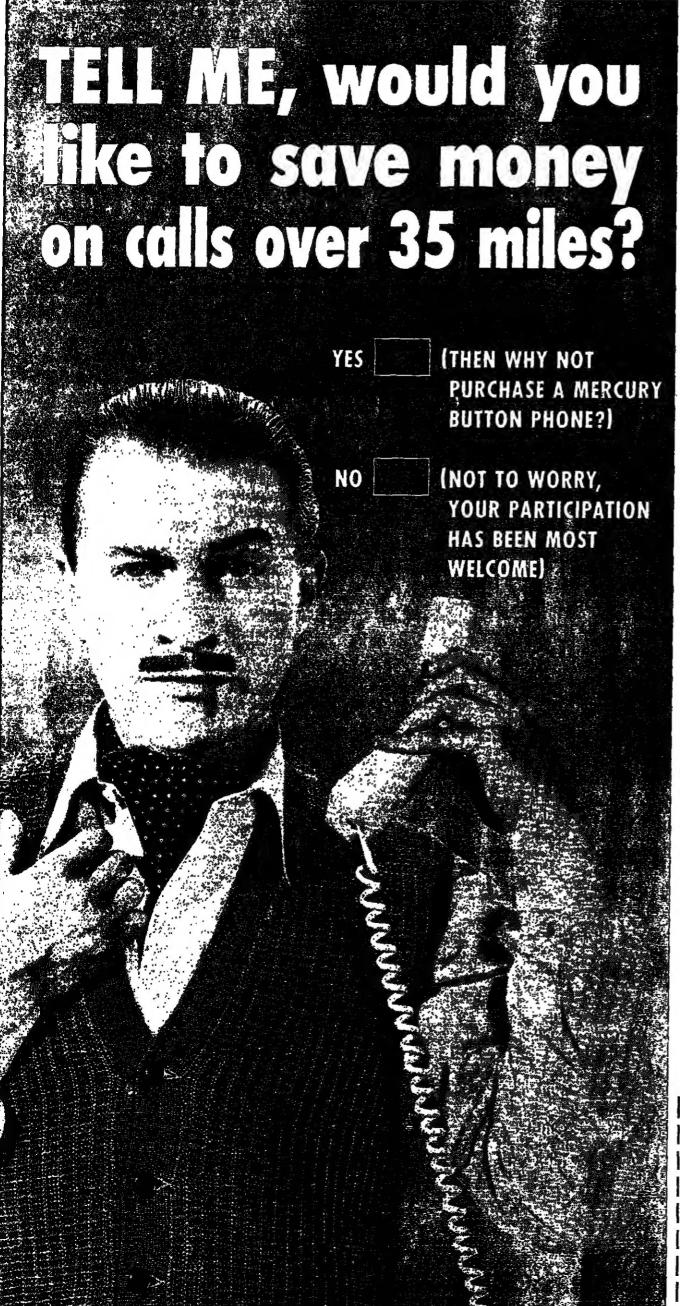


dialects, preventing inter-trib al communication. They are also kept apart by mountains forests and rivers. Only in the foothills bordering Assam can tribes communicate with me another in a lingua france of

Some tribes have been changed almost overnigh by the arrival of television. Aerials poke from the toy of bamboo huts in villages adtain tracks that provide tenuous communications with the outside world. Young men influenced by televison wear T-shirts and jeans while their fathers still dress in local cloth and animal skins. Banboo buts serve as cinema: in illages with electricity, filing the mountains with the sound of Hindi songs. But nost tribes live far from such encroachments.

The outside world of cor-ruption and politial graymandering touches Itanagar the hilly capital, with its population of 25,000. The Congress (I) party has engineered itself into a position of absolute rule in the 60-seat local assembly, and there are suspicions that local politicians are engaged in illega

taxation and therefore no income. It is the only put of India without landlo cylenders or liquorand there is no caste. Nother is there begging, nor hunger. When people from Arunanal visit other areas of India hey are often mistaken as foregrnese and ask to see our vis says Nani Kojin, a journalist in Itanagar. He thinks he arrival of tourists will be generally welcomed. "We can not remain museum piece





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# Bush sends troops into Somalia to protect food airlift

■ US Marines will soon land in Mogadishu. The Pentagon does not share the White House's belief that the tour of duty will be short

By Martin Fletcher in washington and Our Foreign Staff

receiving American transport

planes, but the runway is in disrepair and there is no space

for parking a large number of military aircraft. The port may

be too shallow for military

cargo vessels.

While the troops will be flown in, most of the supplies

for the operation will be deliv-

ered by four pre-positioned Marine ships based at Diego Garcia, the British island terri-

tory in the southern Indian

Ocean. They carry water purification plants, fuel, buildoz-

ers, armoured vehicles and

other heavy equipment. Only when Mogadishu had been

secured and staging areas established would the troops

begin securing roads into the country for the distribution of

AMERICAN marines on board helicopters are expected to sweep into Mogadishu within days and secure the airport. They will protect a United Nations military airlift of food to starving Somalia, Pentagon officials announced

President Bush briefed con-gressional leaders yesterday and last night addressed the nation to explain why he was sending thousands of American troops abroad in one of the largest armed humanitar-ian relief missions ever undertaken.

Defence officials said 28,000 American marines and soldiers could be deployed to relieve the drought-affected and wartorn East African country after the UN Security Council unanimously voted on Thursday to authorise mili-

An amphibious task force of C () [[] 1,800 marines is aliculous the capital, Mogadishu, and could enter the city early next week or even this weekend. The aircraft carrier Ranger and two warships were also apparently being diverted from the Gulf to Somalia to

lend support.
In Bonn, President Mitterrand said that France would
send between 1,500 and 2,000 troops to Somalia to help in protecting aid. "The goal is to stay until we reach a breakthrough in this tragic situation," he said. Italy, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, Morocco, and possibly Nigeria are also expected to contribute small troop contingents to give the American-led operation an international appearance and counter Third World fears of American colonialism. Japan said it would contribute

In London, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, overseas development minister, announced that Britain is to give an extra £4.5 million to help the relief effort in Somalia. nounced the deployment of RAF military transport air-

In Mogadishu, a senior



can troops would not go in with "guns blazing", insisting their purpose was simply to create a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations. However, the forces would retaliate if attacked. Bill Clinton, the president-elect, halled the UN vote as an "historic and welcome step"
that provided new hope to
millions of Somalis. He
praised Mr Bush for "taking the lead in this important

Congressional Democrats have expressed more cautious support for the operation, but before the president's briefing they were alarmed at the lack of a clearly defined mission or timetable for withdrawal, and at the potential cost. Pentagon officials do not share the White House belief that the troops could complete their task and pull out before Mr Clinton's inauguration on January 20. They believe it could take months.

According to Carl Mundy, the Marine Corps commandant, the 1,800 marines will first make an amphibious and helicopter landing in Mogadishu and pave the way for the arrival of their colleagues. The initial task will be primarily a huge engineering project. Mogadishu airport is one of two in Somalia capable of



Agony of Africa: a teenage Somali boy, turned away from relief centres for days because they have only limited supplies, awaiting the arrival of American troops in Mogadishu to protect international aid convoys

# MERSHAPHEF Lee resigns

as party leader

Singapore: Lee Kuan Yew, the resigned as leader of the People's Action party that he helped to launch 38 years ago. He suggested that Goh Chok Tong, the present prime min-ister, should take over. (AP)

Treaty signed

Bangkok: Burma has signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Radio Rangoon said. The radio said a representative of Rangoon's military junta had signed the treaty in Washington. (AFP)

Rice appeal

Hanoi: Vietnam is collecting donations so that it can ship rice to Cuba. Civil servants have been asked to donate a day's salary towards the 10,000-tonne cargo. (Reuter)

Bush estate

Stuart, Florida: President's Bush mother, Dorothy, left much of her multi-milliondollar estate to her five children and 16 grandchildren. She also left \$2,000 to her

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craft to Somalia.

French official said that armed gangs and militias had begun to leave the Somali capital, faced with the certainty of military intervention. Bernard Kouchner, minister for humanitarian action, said that the "atmosphere has



diers shot dead a Somali gunman and wounded two others in a battle at Mogadi-

shu airport yesterday. Witnesses said fighting erupted when a "technical", the heavily armed battle wagons used by the Somali militias, swung into the airport and opened fire on Pakistani UN soldiers. The Pentagon said Ameri-

humanitarian effort".

# Patten reforms win Nixon's backing

From Martin Fletcher in Washington and Catherine Sampson in peking

RICHARD Nixon, the former American president, has expressed strong backing for Chris Patten's proposals to expand democracy in Hong Kong, and American support for the governor's stand appears to be growing.

Neither President Bush nor

Bill Clinton, the president-elect, have commented public-ly on Mr Patien's proposals. but the State Department has issued a supportive statement. Media comment, particularly in The Wall Street Journal. has been favourable. Mr Patten plans to visit America soon after Mr Clinton's inauguration and hopes the new president will agree to see him.

Such a meeting would send a strong signal to China because America retains considerable influence over the Chinese leadership. Mr Clinton's campaign threats to remove China's preferential trading status unless its conduct improved has alarmed Peking's ageing leadership.
Lord Howe of Aberavon.

who regonated the Sino-Brit-ish Joint Declaration on Hong Kong while foreign secretary, said yesterday that he believed the Chinese would eventually change their minds about Mr Patten's proposals for widen-

ing democracy. Lord Howe, visiting Peking at the head of a human rights delegation, described China's recent attacks on the gover-nor's proposals as over-simpli-fied denunciations. "I do not believe that will be the long-run position." he said. "I think that China will recognise that Mr Patten as governor is doing a very important job conscientiously and is seeking to find the best way forward compatible with the Joint Declaration and the Bosic Law laration and the Basic Law. These situations do not endure indefinitely without the



prospect of some forward movement."
Mr Nixon, who reopened

US-Chinese relations in 1972, said he would take "a hard line" in support of Mr Patten. The governor was "reflecting the opinions of the people of Hong Kong which, inciden-tally, are also the views of the American people".

Speaking in London, Mr Nixon said the Chinese would "huff and puff" at Mr Patten's plans, but ultimately would be restrained by two considerations: Hong Kong was their gateway to the West and they needed to prove to Taiwan that they meant to keep their promise of "one country, two

Mr Nixon added: "If they reject democracy in Hong Kong, they will close out any chance of making that impression on the Taiwanese."

The State Department has called Mr Patten's proposals a "constructive approach to the goal of the democratisation of Hong Kong". A Wall Street Journal editorial on Wednesday lavished praise on Mr Patten, saying he had "flushed

Britain has put subsidiarity firmly on the Edinburgh agenda. The Danish opposition does not think the proposals go far enough

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE British presidency of the European Community will present next week's Edinburgh summit with a hitlist of proposed and existing EC laws that it believes should be

scrapped.

The list, leaked by a Labour MEP, is the clearest attack yet on the powers of Brussels, and will inevitably be condemned by Jacques Delors, the president of the European Com-mission, who will put forward an alternative, smaller-scale list of questionable EC laws. The British presidency calls for more than 30 proposed EC laws to be scrapped. It also believes existing legislation, such as the bathing waters

directive, should be deleted from the statute books. By naming EC laws it doesn't thrown light on the obscure subject of "subsidiarity" - and has added fuel to what promises to be a fiery summit.

Many of the directives tar-

geted by Britain are the work of Brussels' two most controversial commissioners of re-cent years, Carlo Ripa di Meana, formerly in charge of environmental affairs, and Vasso Papandreou, social affairs commissioner, who will leave Brussels at the end of the year. Directives that may be deleted include plans for a 48-hour working-week and com-

Ken Collins, the Labour MEP for Strathclyde East, who leaked the British paper,

graceful; the British presidency's trying to tear the heart out of Europe." Both the EC laws that have landed Britain in the dock of the EC Court of Justice recently - on the quality of bathing waters and drinking waters — are on a separate list of existing laws to be can-celled, Mr Collins said.

mon blood alcohol limits for

drink-driving charges. Plans for workers' councils, and the

A British spokesman said: "We happen to think our own legislation on these things is rather good and we'd like to change as little as possible." In an attempt to make the

Maastricht treaty acceptable to Danish voters, the British presidency looks set to call for a confirmation by the summit of Denmark's request for optouts from a common currency and defence policy, EC citizen-ship and EC legal co-opera-tion. EC legal experts have questioned whether such a confirmation, which would have less weight than the treaty itself, would stand up in a court of law. But yesterday in Copenhagen, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Denmark's foreign minister, said there were not to be the control of the co minister, said there were now "good possibilities to reach a final solution" at Edinburgh. He said there was agreement between all Danish parties on the legality of the British

far enough. In Paris, there was further evidence that France, at some stage, would reject the US-EC deal over farm subsidies. Do minique Strauss-Kahn, the industry and trade minister. said: The whole agreement does not reflect the fairness we wanted. We also want the US to reduce subsidies to its

proposal. A spokesman for the Socialist People's Party said the British proposal did not go

☐ Washington: The Bush administration yesterday revoked the punitive 200 per cent tariffs on \$300 million (£189 million) of European farm products that were due to take effect today. Carla Hills, the American trade representative, said that now that the agreement on EC farm subsi-dies had been confirmed in writing, the pariffs were unnecessary.

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# Parisian passion brings in the law

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE world's most famous embrace must surely be "Le baiser de l'Hôtel de Ville". Thanks to Robert Doisneau the photographer-poet of the streets, those unsuspecting young lovers of postwar Paris have become the icon of a bygone age.

Almost everyone knows M Doisneau's account of that hucky moment in the spring of 1950 when he suapped the picture that launched a mil-

Well, not quite. Doisneau now says it was all a set-up with actors. The matter is about to be tested in a Paris court which will hear a claim for heavy damages from Jean-Louis and Denise Lavergne, a couple in their sixties, who are certain it was their moment of youthful passion that M Doisneau seized for posterity.

"We were young fiances at the time," M Lavergne says. "I was wearing my only tailor-made suit. Denise was dressed in a jacket and skirt that she had had made and she had a chain bracelet, a gift from her father, on her wrist." The pair, he says, had just left the BHV department store opposite the town hall on the rue de Rivoli. The couple, who run a printing business in the eastern suburbs, were thrilled when they discovered their image in 1988, when it featured on the cover of the French TV guide five years after the photograph was given mass circulation as a poster and postcard. M Doisneau, who is now 80 and has lost none of his playfulness, lunched with them and said

dispute begins. M Lavergne, who is 66, said last night that he and his wife had been mortified to learn, after they appeared on tele-vision in February, that M Doisneau was daiming that he had staged their portrait using not them but profession-

Looking for small crumbs of

comfort, the Dutch daily NRC

nothing to contradict them, according to the lawyers of both sides. At this point, the

Oil kills • Spanish

wildlife

MENSIN BRIEF

Geneva: An oil spill caused by a Greek tanker that ran aground and caught fire off the coast of northern Spain is threatening birds, fish and dolphins in the area, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said.

The 80,000 tonnes of British oil spilled by the stricken ran aground in a beavy storm and broke up off La Coruna on Thursday, is ravaging coastal ecosystems, the WWF said. The first visible victims are tens of thousands of migratory birds," it said. Ezequiel Navio, marine co-

ordinator for WWF Spain. said: "Dangerous and catastrophic accidents like that of the Aegean Sea merely prove that existing transit regula-tions for marine toxic goods are inadequate."(Reuter)

Shamir tumour

Tel Aviv: Doctors have removed a malignant tumour from the colon of Yitzhak Shamir, 77, the former Israeli prime minister, after a two-hour operation. They said his chances for a full recovery were good and that he may go home soon. (AFP)

Corsica protest

Ajacrio: Nationalists set off 27 bombs on Corsica and in mainland France yesterday in a campaign to preserve a spe-cial tax status for the French Mediterranean island. The devices caused serious damage to tax offices but no casualties. (Reuter)

Captain jailed

Athens: The Italian captain of a freighter that was in collision with a Greek liner, the Jupiter, carrying 500 British children, in 1988, has been jalled for six years by a Greek court. A Brit-ish teacher, one pupil, and two crew, were killed. (Reuter)

Unita warned

Luanda: President dos Santos of Angola told Unita rebels that the government's "good faith and willingness to hold dialogue is dangerously reaching its limit" in a speech that diplomats called a virtual dec-

Sunnie Mann

Nicesia: John Major paid tribute to Sunnie Mann's "courage and fighting spirit" in a message read at her funeral in Cyprus. A wreath from her husband, Jack Mann, the former hostage, read: "Sunnie darling, part of the cost of love

Tajiks fight on

Tashkent: A ceasefire among l'ajikistan's warring groups collapsed as clashes continued in the capital, Dusbanbe. Procommunist forces were poised to secure the city. Battles were also being fought in outlying

Verdict given

New York: Dewi Sukarno, widow of President Sukarno of Indonesia, was given a suspended sentence after admitting to an attack on a fellow socialite with a champagne glass during a party in Aspen. Colorado.

# Swiss vote poised on the knife edge

By George Brock

SWITZERLAND is a country where nearly half the population brush their teeth three times a day, stand-up comics wear cardigans and Tamil asylum-seekers sell advent candles unmolested by the lakeside in Lucerne.

Today and tomorrow, the people of Switzerland vote on whether to join the single market due to be formed by merging the trading areas of the European Community and the Scandinavian and alpine states of the European Free Trade Association. Europe's "other" treaty has been overshadowed by the wrangles over Maastricht at the Western end of the continent, but the Swiss referendum is a test splits up. Polls suggest that the

sult is very finely balanced. For Hanspeter Kraeslin, sitting in the warmth of a public nouse in the mountain village of Stans, Europe is a long way from Switzerland and he does not want it coming any closer. Mr Kraeslin, a farmer, is a councillor and man of some influence in the tiny Germanspeaking canton of Nidwald and he will be voting "No". He acknowledges that the giant trading area will be assembled with or without the Swiss, but he is suspicious that devious outsiders are trying to steal Switzerland's soul "But we will surmount the difficulties," Mr Kraeslin says, "in

this treaty there are too many

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local rules to take decisions." For advice and support, Mr Kraeslin has brought along Dr Willy Futterknecht, the local Euro-expert. Against the argument that Switzerland must join the treaty to protect its export markets. Dr Futterknecht has a trump card. He brandishes an open letter from the head of the little factory near by which makes

abroad but the knife-grinders are solidly hostile to any entanglement with "Euro-Babylon". Dr Futterknecht says: "We don't need anything from Brussels." Sitting in the cosmopolitan chic of the Fedfrom the parliament in Berne, José Bessard struggles manfully against this truculent insularity. His government de-partment issues flooply discs, balloons, buttons and books

The Swiss have hibernated away from international politics for centuries. "We resisted Hitler during the last war," the treaty's leading opponent. Christoph Blocher, told a tele-

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which explain that Switzerland is not being asked to join the EC and that the country cannot join the new market without sacrificing some of its laws to the new "Eurolex" system created by the EC

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Conversational French: the Prince of Wales accepting his associate membership of the French Academy of Political and Moral Sciences in Paris, while the group's president, top right, chats to the secretary Royal support, page

# Europe laments half-hearted UK Major had gone over the familiar budget rows with his

FROM GEORGE BROCK

PICTURED on the pages and screens of Europe's or the dia in the narrup set the European Community Edin-burgh summit, Britans resembles once again a small and semi-detached state that has

lost its sense of purpose.
"I have the feeling of living in a bad dream," Jean Durieux of La Libre Belgique complained yesterday. Few continental commentators on European politics would agree that Britain ever shared its EC partners' desire for unification, and previews of Edinburgh regularly hint that Britain is enjoying the Com-munity's introspective

This week's French-language newspapers lament yet another alleged example of Britain abusing the privileges of the EC presidency to pack the agenda for an employ-ment ministers' meeting with

AS OTHERS SEE US A weekly look at how the world views Britain

empty declarations inspired by the government's "Thatcherite credo". Libération was honest enough to record in its catalogue of British perfidy that the key directive limiting Eu-

rope's working week is blocked by a dispute between France and Germany. The soap opera of Norman Lamont's difficulty with his Access card quickly disap-

peared, to be replaced by worthier but less interesting accounts of the summit between Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and François Mitterrand and confirmation that the German parliament had ratified the Maastricht treaty. The twists and turns of British cabinet politics this autumn have reduced European correspondents to the

pitying giggles people would be reduced to watching a group of men stumbling round a darkened room looking for their pyjamas.

Few writers could credit the idea that darker forces were at work in a minister's off-licence purchases. Britons and their newspapers cannot forgive the Chancellor of the Exchequer one wrote, for the "national humiliation" of the pound's exit from the European ex-

change-rate mechanism. Forecasts for the Edinburgh summit are downbeat John Major is heading for a "for-eign policy fiasco" in the Scottish capital, according to the Frankfurter Allgemeine "Desacordo Total" (Total Discord) reported Publico of Lisbon after Mr

Handelsblad pointed out that the summit will be held in a part of the United Kingdom which is much more sympathetic to Europe than England. The New York Times

devoted a long front page analysis by Craig Whitney, its London bureau chief, to Europe's crisis of confidence which quoted an unidentified diplomat on "a crucial collapse of political credibility in estern Europe". European reporters are fas-cinated by the mechanical similes used by Douglas Hurd to describe the intricate EC

negotiations. Last year he compared the final phase of the Maastricht treaty talks to 12-dimensional chess. This year one of his officials thought that the budget problem resembled the problems posed by Rubik's cube.

# Mussolini granddaughter seeks cash to buy Il Duce's home

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ALESSANDRA Mussolini, the neo-fascist Italian MP. yesterday appealed for finan-cial help to enable her to take out a mortgage to buy the house where her grandfather, Il Duce, was born more than a

century ago.

"Barbarians, take your hands off the house of my nonno (grandfather)," La Stampa newspaper quoted her as saying. The modest three-storey country house in the village of Predappio, 25 miles southwest of Ravenna. is one of a package of proper-ties the state is selling to raise money to reduce the huge budget deficit. Officials said the building would be auctioned with a reserve price of

56 million lire (£26,000). But Signora Mussolini, 29, has laid claim to the property as a birthright. I am afraid the house will end up in the wrong hands and, who knows, become a restaurant."

Signora Mussolini has made a personal appeal to Giovanni Goria, the finance minister, to help her save the house. Signor Goria, a Christian Democrat, succumbed to her charms so far as to offer his opposition colleague a mortgage, recommending



Desirable residence: where Mussolini was born

that she write to his ministry. La Stampa reported.

"My only income is my MP's salary," said the deputy for the Italian Social Movement, who was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in the April general election, "If it goes to auction, that will be the end. Certainly I cannot compete with a millionaire.

Even if she musters sufficient funds, Signora Mussolini may be thwarted by Ivo Marcelli, the mayor of Predappio, a member of the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left. Signor Marcelli wants the town hall to buy the house to prevent it being turned into a propaganhouses of Predappio," the ground floor where Mussolini's father Alessandro worked as a blacksmith. There are three reception rooms on the first floor and three small bedrooms in the attic reached by dimbing a wooden ladder. It is a peaceful property built about 150 years ago in the typical peasent style of the

magnolo area. He added: "We believe it has historical value because a head-of-state was born there. But it should be preserved as a historic record run by the council, not exalted."

Aides to the superintendant for heritage in Ravenna said they have spent £119,000

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# Macedonia issue threatens to dominate EC summit

RECOGNITION of Macedonia is one of the most divisive issues on the agenda of the Edinburgh summit, one that is likely to generate long argument and lead to

diplomatic deadlock.

Despite a friendly Downing Street meeting on Thursday evening between John Major and President Gligorov of Macedonia. Britain sees little hope of compromise in the bitter feud between Greece and its northern neighbour.

mat asked by the British presidency to mediate between Athens and Skopje, has made little heads and Skopje. made little headway. Neither side is ready to compromise over the use of the word Macdeonia in the former Yugoslav republic's name.

In June the European Community summit in Lisbon decided to withhold recognition but there is mounting pressure for that to be reversed. Led by the Dutch, several EC members, includ-

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EC members could sour relations with Greece if they give in to pressure to recognise Macedonia, Michael Binyon writes

ing Britain and Germany, argue that non-recognition is illogical and dangerous. They say that Macedonia has ful-filled all the conditions set by the EC for recognition of other former Yugoslav republics. Leaving Skopje in limbo has deprived it of vital EC aid, is increasing fissiparous nationalist propagators. tionalist pressures on Mr Gligorov and could lead to ethnic tensions that might erupt in a conflict that would draw in all Macedonia's

neighbours.
Greece, however, insists that the issue is of vital national importance and is appealing for EC solidarity. Greek public opinion is in-

attempt to steal Greek history and culture and at implicit territorial claims on northern Greece. Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, has said his centre-right govern-ment would collapse if there were any change in EC policy. The point was forcefully made to Mr Major during his

recent Athens visit, and will again be underlined by Michalis Papaconstantinou, the foreign minister, to his EC colleagues in Brussels on Monday. Greece is threatening unilateral measures if Macedonia is recognised, including closing its northern border, a total trade boycott and non-cooperation with the EC in other fields.

Britain sees great dangers whatever the outcome at Ed-inburgh. If recognition is withheld, it fears Mr Gligorov's authority over his shaky coalition, which includes members of the Albanian minority, will drain away. Tension between ethnic groups is likely to increase, as well as growing strain with Albania and a possible revival of Bulgarian territorial claims on an area that has been twice fought over in Balkan wars.

Special EC help to counter-act the devastating impact of sanctions on Serbia is already dependent on Greek good-will; continuing denial of EC aid could drive Skopje into the arms of Serbia.

If the EC ignores Greek pleas and overturns the Lisbon declaration, Macedonia will effectively be cut off. It depends on the port of Thes-saloniki and the rail link north for almost all imports exports. The links through Serbia are blocked; the road to Albania is impass



able; the only exit route is the poor road east to Bulgaria. Despite Greek claims that they have sent 40,000 tonnes of oil north this year, Macedonians say they are already suffering a devastating eco-nomic blockade by Greece. Mr Gligorov and Denko

found a sympathetic welcome in Britain. Greece, however, has sent Virginia Tsouderou, a senior diplomat, to warn the British presidency that Greece would be the first country to suffer if the Balkan war spreads south; that, as in Bosnia, premature recogni-Maleski, his foreign minister,

Macedonia's security and that Greece expects the same EC solidarity as Denmark does over Maastricht. She points out that Greece has obtained a guarantee from all the republic's neighbours that its borders are inviolable.

Greece accuses Mr Gligorov of mounting a propaganda campaign at the expense of economic development, of continuing the policies of Stalin and Tito in creating an artificial nationality, of refusing the proposed compromise of a double name, and of using the name and star emblem of Philip II as a cover

for territorial expansionism. Such intemperate language makes compromise unlikely. Britain has suggested that Macedonia change its name unilaterally to "Northern Macedonia" or "The Slavic Republic of Macedonia" as a gesture of goodwill, which, though not satisfying Athens, might assuage Greek fears. Mr Gligorov rules this out: it would be seen in Skopje as an

unacceptable concession to outside pressure. Macedonia accuses Greece of trying to strangle the new republic, of

hastening a Balkan war and of conniving with Serbia.

The likely outcome at Edinburgh is deadlock, with the argument eating into time the EC wants to spend on policy over Bosnia. President Mitterrand is personally committed to support for Greece; other countries may insist on breaking free of the Lisbon declaration.

The wrangling on this issue could do lasting damage to Greek relations with the EC, and would certainly make a common foreign policy more difficult to achieve in other areas. Macedonia would then take its case to the United Nations, as Americaand several other countries are waiting for an EC lead before taking a decision on recognition.

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# Yeltsin supporters call for referendum to beat Congress

President Yeltsin is being driven by hardliners to dissolve the full parliament. His moderate critics are eyeing cabinet posts

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin battled yesterday to save his reforms after the conservative Congress of People's Deputies condemned the record of his government and demanded fundamental policy changes.

The resolution, passed by an overwhelming majority, indicates a hardening of hostility towards the government and makes it more likely that Mr Yeltsin will have to take emergency steps to ensure that his eforms continue.

The swing against the president enraged Vyacheslav Kostikov, his spokesman, who

said the Congress's antipathy might mean Mr Yeltsin would be forced to hold a referendum to dissolve it. That would need support from a third of the deputies or a petition with a million signatures but is con-sidered risky because it would polarise the country at a time when the government is asking moderate political forces to unite in the face of economic hardship and the threat of nationalist extremism. Asked if Mr Yeltsin would be prepared to bypass the constitu-tion and simply dissolve the country's ruling body. Mr

Kostikov said: "I do not ex-clude such a possibility."

Mr Yeltsin urged deputies

to reject the proposals that would strip him of his powers to appoint a government and in effect allow the hardline-dominated parliament to run the country. He said their adoption would damage Rus-sia's statehood and turn the government into "a spineless appendage". He added: "You would get weak government, regardless of executive power would be damaged and reform would be in question." The special powers by which he has ruled Russia since March ran out on Tuesday and must be granted anew by the Congress.
Opponents of Mr Yeltsin

have won some procedural votes with almost the twothirds majority they would need to pass the amendments that would tame the radical government. Deputies, how-ever, are fickle and Mr Yeltsin's strategy appears to be to frighten deputies into backing down by threatening chaos in the country unless they approve his powers. The Congress will reconvene today to vote on the amendments.

The government believes that the Supreme Soviet is hampering its ability to carry out policy. Under the sway of Ruslan Khasbulatov, its conservative chairman, the parliament has blocked many reform moves in recent months and Mr Khasbulatov declared this week that he disagreed with the government not only over the pace of reforms but also over their

basic aim. The Yeltsin camp is disappointed that informal agreements with centre-right elements of Civic Union to stabilise the government have not materialised, with several votes showing hardliners rather than centre-conservatives to be in control. "Today's events have shown that the Congress was deeply conservative from the start," Mr Kostikov said. "The more sacrifices the government presents, the more aggressive it becomes." He said that other ministers intended to resign if the assembly did not accept the continuation in office of Yegor Gaidar, the radical acting

Andrei Nechayev, the economics minister, called the move to subject the government to the Congress's whim "a constitutional coup" and said the entire cabinet would resign if the legislature did not back Mr Yeltsin and Mr Gaidar. Despite the colourful debates that dominate proceedings, much of the real bargaining is done behind the scenes in traditional Kremlin style and many of Mr Yeltsin's supporters believe that a deal with Civic Union on cabinet portfolios may well be the outcome of the deadlock.

prime minister.

"The price for keeping Mr Gaidar in office may well be four or five posts for the union," said Igor Golombov-sky, editor-in-chief of the liberal Izvestia newspaper. "The big squeeze is now on and the options are limited,"

Yeltsin on the edge, page 12



Close up: a Russian deputy tries to get a better view of President Yeltsin at the people's Congress in Moscow yesterday. The Congress passed a resolution condemning the government's record, thus narrowing Mr Yeltsin's means of ensuring that his reforms continue

# Baby food to reach Vitez by Christmas

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE 1st AID appeal, which aims to raise £1 million for immediate disaster relief by January 1, is about to fund its first mission.

The appeal is financing a life-saving delivery of baby food to the former Yugoslavia. The baby food will be delivered to refugees near Vitez and Travnik in Bosnia before Christmas.

Refugees living in freezing conditions in temporary homes, or in what remains of their houses after shelling, are being forced to feed babies and young children on watery soup or bread dipped in tea. Many homes are without heating, light or proper shelter. Shortages of baby food are chronic, and even more severe than the shortages of adult

The supplies will be taken to Split, Croatia, in a 20-ton lorry by Feed the Children, the rgest British agency taking aid directly to former Yugosla-via. From Split it will be transferred to four-wheel drive trucks to be ferried across the border to Vitez, Feed the Children's base in Bosnia, then to go immediately to refugees in Travnik and elsewhere. The food should be with the mothers and babies by December 20.

Stewart Crocker, fund-raising director of Feed the Children, said the lorry was one of about 20 ravelling to the former Yugoslavia that week.
This load will get priority because there is a change because there is a chronic shortage of baby food. Babies are not receiving any specialised food. Most relief food is destined for adult consumption. This is a valuable proposition and 1st AID



funding for agencies doing this work." Jeff Alderson, 1st AID overseas officer, said: "The food is going to refugees who have been turned out on the road with nothing, who are camped in schools or in what is left of their homes."

Robert Kandt, 1st AID ap-peals director, said: "This mis-sion indicates how 1st AID will work. Feed the Children is taking the supplies; we are simply giving them the money to enable them to do it." 1st AID is being co-ordinated by the World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief, an international charity set up in 1989 by the late Lord Cheshire with United Nations backing. The Charities Aid Founda-

tion will be responsible for all aspects of banking and donation costs of 1st AID. Donations can be made by telephoning the credit card hotline on 0272-226688 (24 hours); cheque/postal order payable to 1st AID and sent to 1st AID Appeal, c/o CAF Freepost TN 2257, Tun-bridge Wells, Kent, TN2 5BR; or over the counter at any Bradford & Bingley Building Society or Midland Bank

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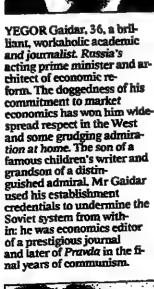
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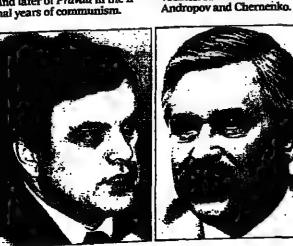
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RUSLAN Khasbulatov. 50, a mysterious figure in Russian political life and the parliamentary chairman who emerged in 1990 as a leading advocate of political and economic change, has this year shifted his position and made repeated attacks on fast-track reform. A skilful manipulator of parliamentary procedure, the chain-smoking economics professor has often caused outrage. He described the cabinet last spring as worms and then - despite taperecorded evidence — denied having done so. He is conscious of his roots among the Chechen warrior race.



ARKADY Volsky, 60, a skilled and influential polit-

ical operator, is a former

presents himself as

party apparatchik who now

spokesman for bosses and

workers at Russia's giant

industrial plants. This sum-mer he founded "Renew-

al", a group that lobbied on

behalf of factory directors

struggling with market re-

forms, and then helped to

aimed to become chief

found the Civic Union, which

power-broker in the legisla-

ture. He says he supports

reforms, though at a slower pace than Mr Gaidar ad-

vocates. He was an adviser to

45, a dashing air force officer was shot down twice during bombing raids in Afghanistan. The vice president personifies one important faction in the Yeltsin camp: the faction that rejects the ideology of Marxism but retains the idea of Russia as a great power. He emerged last year as leader of a "liberal communist" parliamentary faction which delivered key votes to Mr Yeltsin. While broadly loyal to Mr Yeltsin, he has attacked the Gaidar cabinet and called for a tough line towards other former Soviet

# Building society proposals to discriminate in favour of married couples are unfair, unjust and unworkable, argues Matthew Parris

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ingle, childless people are to pay more for our mortgages. The Bristol & West building society is considering differential interest rates, loaded against single people because we are the type of individual they think more likely to default. Not bonded by marriage," is the delicate phrase chosen by Tony Fitzsimmons, their chief executive, to describe our fickle and

Ha! So it has come to this? My fury was aggravated by the know-ledge that I have no mortgage with the Bristol & West and am therefore denied the pleasure of marching down to the nearest branch to withdraw it and take my custom

So I had been alternately cursing and brooding (we single people, when not busy defaulting on debts, are subject to wild swings of mood) and kicking things.

My rage swelled as news about the new council tax was announced. My bill, it seems, may

motoring habits being unre-strained by any fear of orphaning little dependants? Perhaps we approach £1,000. For this I get my dustbin emptied once a week by the Derbyshire Dales district council. The rest of the money goes to help the county council educate the should be restricted to humdrum employment in posts of a non-sensitive sort, unguided as we are children I don't have, fund the

by concern for posterity.

Matrimony! Bah! Humbug!
Then I read The Times leading article. My blood ran cold. It supported the Bristol & West. This move, it argued, was "no less discriminatory than the policy of motor insurers who charge twice as much to a 23-year-old driving a hot hatchback as to a 55-year-old

Grandmother! Notice that? There they go again. She's a grandmother so she's presumably incapable of jumping a red light. Ah no, argues The Times, loading

cock actuarial generalisations is, they accept, rough justice on the untypical safe 23-year-old driver, but he just has to accept that he is part of a class of motorist who

S o if I were to discover (say) that one of the ethnic groups making up our population has an appreciably worse motoring record than another, then The Times would rally behind colourtesting for insurance premiums, would it?

And I will tell you something else. Mr Times leaderwriter: The only reason the 23-year-old takes out motor insurance at all is because it is compulsory. If the

premiums against whole categories motor insurance business was a of individuals on the basis of half-genuinely free market instead of a state-sponsored scam, then individuals aggrieved that the insurer was failing to assess them as individuals, and lumping them into crude and inappropriate classes, would screw up their cover notes and stuff them where I would be stuffing my Bristol & West mortgage deeds, if I

had any. Which moves me from my extended harrumph to the gravamen of my complaint. Let me put the building society argument as fairly as I can, then reply.

The Bristol & West say that there

is nothing inherently unjust about making good risks pay for bad risks. To lump us all together without regard for our own particu-

have to do it to some degree. Until now, all mortgagees have been mass, and charged the same. The better risks have subsidised the worst. It is to rectify that that the Bristol & West wants to create subspecies among mortgagees and differentiate. They accept that some injustices will result, but argue that his is the cost of mitigating a larger

And my reply! In logic they are right. Indeed their logic can be taken further. It might prove applicable to racial groupings, who might have different cultural attitudes towards debt. It might apply to gender differences: women are better debtors than men. Single homosexual men, furthermore, are

men, as they are less likely to saddle themselves with family obligations they cannot sustain. Further, senior civil servants are probably a better risk than journalists and certainly safer than navvies: in other words, a job-class test could help in classifying risk. Devout members of any Protestant church, I believe, would be among the best risks in

In short, my friends at Bristol & West, proceed further down the road on which you propose to start and you will quickly find yourself risking the injustice which rankles most in any man or woman: individuals deeply resent assump-tions being made about them on the basis of supposed categories. In England, sex. class, morals and career status are the categories on which we are at our most prickly. They are also categories with obvious potential for assumptions about credit worthiness. Go no further, B & W. You have been

# The battle for Russia's soul

Hardliners are poised to derail Yeltsin's plans, says Anne McElvoy

et-piece power struggles are built into the fabric of Russian history. The old Leninist question of who wields the power, in whose name and for whose benefit is at the core of this week's events in Kremlin palace, home to Russia's Congress of People's Dep-

The outcome of the assembly will determine whether the reforms begun by President Yeltsin can continue. The alternative is a triumph for the hardliners who are seeking a reversal of the radical changes and would set the country back on the road to centralism.

tionaries of 1917, Boris Yeltsin does His opponents not have the option of ruthlessly violent all have an methods, followed by administrative interest in repression, to ensure that his vision protecting of Russia holds sway. Such is the themselves price of democracy. from further

Congress so far has not been a success for the Yeltsin team. It meets at radical the nadir of the reform programme with inflation and reforms unemployment ris-ing, and the rouble

onummening. The president's opponents believe that a return to centralism can keep unprofitable factories open and the workers employed while still pursuing reform.

The recommendations of the Civic Union, which ranks as the moderate alternative to the present strategy, although hidden behind the slogan "slower-paced reform", would signal an end to the transition to a market economy. It believes the state should bail out the bloated military-industrial enterprises which Stalin created and the Cold War sustained.

The forces of the reformers and hinderers is finely balanced but many of the votes, such as yester-day's resolution demanding fundamental changes to the reform programme, indicate that a broad church of unreconstructed communists, military men and pragmatic industrialists are in the majority. All have an interest in protecting themselves from radical changes to

their state-protected influence.

In an ideal world the Congress would not be taking place at all. A vestige of the Gorbachev years packed with former communists, it is a kangaroo court of conservatism presiding over a reformist govern-ment. Mr Yeltsin is quite right to pursue with vigour the separation of executive and legislative powers. Most worrying is the number of

closet conservatives whose commitment to change is merely external. It is no accident (as the communists were fond of remarking) that the podium scuffle broke out over whether the ballot on constitutional amendments should be secret. The liberals fear that many who out-wardly support Mr Yeltsin would vote against him in a secret ballot and the backroom pacts would

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waiting list, repair the bus shelters smashed by their kids, and care for

them in old age when the offspring upon whom they have blown all

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In this climate there is little chance of the government reaching a painless compromise with the opposition and Mr Yeltsin is having to consider emergency sol-utions, such as

Congress altogethect presidential rule. This would be a risky strategy since it would invite civil unrest and, being both unconstitutional and autocratic, would be hard to explain to The alternative being mooted by

his advisors is a deal with Civic Union, giving them a handful of cabinet posts in return for voting with the govern-ment. Although buying the president time this risks bringing

opponents of reform close to the

heart of government from where they could strike for power. The Civic Union's vision of Russia should worry the West, not just because its nostrums will further weaken the economy, deepening the dangers of instability and the lure of nationalism, but because its affiliations with the military will encourage the retention of a huge army, increased arms production and exports and a greater role for the generals in the running of the state. It is not concerned with integration, harbouring isolationist visions of a Great Russia behind the bland slogan of "self-reliance". Many Civic Union activists consid-

Union a mistake and are much readier than Mr Yeltsin to risk intervening in other republics. Nor is the opposition committed to democracy — its guru Arkadi Volsky talks of a "Chinese way" for Russia, citing Bejing's economic successes without mentioning the political conditions which accom-

er the dissolution of the Soviet

The Russian flag hangs halfunfurled above the assembly platform, reflecting the country's uneasy poise between reform and regression; no one yet dares guess America is taking up the white man's burden with its misguided intervention in Somalia

# This caring imperialism

Take up the White Man's burden The savage wars of peace Fill full the mouth of famine

his is the way a war starts. not with a bang but a slither. The British gov-ernment is being sucked into three distant conflicts at the behest of American (and some British) public opinion. It must

Not content with trying to de-mocratise Cambodia and partition Iraq, a transitional American gov-ernment appears to be steeling itself to go to war with what passes for Somalia and Serbia. As is now customary, these wars are sur-rounded with euphemism. They are under a "multilateral UN umbrella". They are to keep the peace, monitor democracy, protect aid. Soldiers merely escort convoys and enforce exclusion zones — until things go wrong. Then public opinion reacts and people like

Douglas Hurd get "very angry". Soldiers start killing and getting killed. When we stopped trying to police Beirut in 1984 — a classic "humanitarian" operation — thou-sands lay dead; over 200 of them

The itch to intervene is round again. A War Party is in full cry. most strident in the American press. The New York Times, Washington Post and International Herald Tribune run daily calls to arms. Columnists Anthony Lewis, Jim Hoagland and Leslie Gelb rewrite scripts for Oh What a Lovely Wari Lewis trumpets Somalia as a "world scandal" (surely it is a Somalian scandal). The arms lobby is back on parade, talking of "precision targeting" Serbian guns and disabling Serbian transport. "Serbia cannot win," they crow in tones recalling General Westmoreland. Soon their bombers will be "taking out terrorist villages". Britain's Paddy Ashdown says that one bash on the nose from Our Boys will have Johnny Serb crawling back to Belgrade.

troops in former Yugoslavia, the largest UN force assembled since Korea. That number has topped the second largest, 16,000 in Phnom Penh, where it is trying to decide whether to defend Cambodian department. dian democracy against the renascent Khmer Rouge or turn tail and flee. That awful dilemma was predictable from the start of this mad venture, but nobody thought to think. Undaunted, the UN is sending 28,000 Americans ashore in Somalia, where each warlord has offered them an ominous welcome. In Mogadishu, extorting aid workers is the only business in town. Now it is to be extorting

There are already 20,000 foreign



Heading towards a savage war of peace: the West is in danger of being embroiled in an unwinnable conflict

The Herald Tribune reports that American strategy in Somalia is simple: to intimidate the warlords by blowing up one of their pickups with an M1 tank". Then a "political and administrative structure" will be set up and the Americans can leave by January 20. Much the same was said in Vietnam. We are told by the Financial Times that "a well paid and trained Somali police force will have to be established... Once in place and the cycle of criminality broken, foreign troops can retreat to a minimum role and the UN can sponsor a national conference to prepare the way for elections." Every report from the ground shows this is fantasy.

Washington will have either to

rule Somalia indefinitely and against growing local resistance, or support one of the warlords, swamp him with weapons and get out. in the latter case, anarchy and famine will aimply resume autilia as in Mozambique and Liberia, exhaustion or a neighbouring power takes over. We learn nothing from the history of these civil wars. The only winter is the arrest colerant. victor is the arms salesman. The only yield a glow of moral content-ment for editorial writers. In Ku-

spokesman, denies that the busi-

wait, the allies had a legal basis for intervention and a clear military and political goal. No clarity of means or ends lies behind action in Somalia or Serbia. The War Party seems unconcerned. The Washing ton Post has a brand new Ameri can ideology to cheer on the troops: "Countries that fail to care decently for their citizens", it asserts, "dilute their claim to sovereignty and forfeit invulnerability to outside political-military intervention."

cally? Is this to be Bill Clinton's America? If so, it goes far beyond the Cold War doctrines of Dulles, Kennedy, Nixon and Kissinger, that foreign intervention was justified only if invited to save a nation from communism. If the Post is right, three quarters of the globe is now at risk of attack from America or its UN proxies.

Of course rich countries are moved by the horror of war and famine beyond their borders. They help best by offering shelter to refugees and by supporting civilian charities. It may rarely be feasible to insert charity on the ground by main force, without taking sides and worsening the strife, but I doubt it. That is plainly not the case with the siege-breaking convoys of Bosnia and the "aid warriors" that will now sustain an anarchic equilibrium in Somalia.

The War Party is motivated not by humanitarianism but by a desire to see a particular evil smashed. Its humanitarianism is proxy for more active worldwide engagement by the West after the ending of the Cold War. In principle such com-mitment, notably by the US, is no bad thing. It saved Kuwait and mitigates American isolationism. But as the world saw in the 1970s and 1980s, engagement by outsiders so easily aggravates conflict then in Vietnam, in Lebanon, in Angola, in Sri Lanka; now in Bosnia, in Somalia, in Cambodia, perhaps again in Iraq, in Armenia, even in South Africa.

American liberalism is behaving as if it had found its first just war since 1939. There is no sense of proportion: every enemy is Hitler. Here is a new jihad, a global crusade against man's inhumnity to man, a holy war stripped of self-interest, stripped even of hope of victory. Like all jihads, calm assessment of costs and benefits is treated as contemptible. Send in the troops and damn the consequences. It is every politician's cop-out and every soldier's dread. Such crusaders ... measure their glory in body bags.

Perhaps there will be a wider war in the Balkans, in East Africa, in Cambodia. If so, I hope the outside world stays clear, clear with its money, its weapons and its moral confusion. We can relieve pain but we cannot rule the world. Last week, America withdrew its last troops from the Philippines, a century after they first arrived. I wonder how soon they will return. driven back by the hysterics of network television.

Many think Kipling wrote "The White Man's Burden" to glorify the British empire. He did not. He wrote it to warn Americans of the perils of empire, when America was seizing Subic Bay from the Spanish in 1898. Its subtitle was "The United States and the Philippine islands". Its message to the armchair imperialist was bleak:

The ports ye shall not enter, The roads ye shall not tread, Go make them with your living, And mark them with your dead.

# Rooting for a Windsor dig

IT MAY be an annus horribilis for the King's Chamber, the King's the royal household but the fire which devastated Windsor Castle could make it an annus mirabilis for archaeologists, already abuzz with excitment about what might be uncovered by the blaze. If they can get at the remains, that is.

As the Royal Berkshire Rescue Service issued its somewhat inconclusive report yesterday into the fire a fortnight ago, a team of archaeologists from the Central Archaeology Service was still waiting in the palace wings ready to excavate material which they believe will date from the twelfth century.

The archaeologists themselves say diplomatically that they have been unable to reach the damaged areas for safety reasons, but one insider said yesterday that the royal household was being less than helpful. "They are often difficult about access and, from what I have

heard, little has changed." he said. Brian Kerr, one of 30 archaeologists who will be involved in the initial excavation, said at Windsor yesterday: "We would certainly hope to excavate, going back at least as far as the reign of Henry II and, who knows, possibly even further. This would include parts of

Hall and other important 12th century palace buildings."

Professor Martin Biddle, the

eminent Oxford medieval archaeologist, says that the Prince of Wales, himself a student of archaeology, might get involved: "It is such an important matter that I feel sure he cannot but be interested." English Heritage, in charge of the programme, appears to have its hands tied by Buckingham Palace. Palace officials refused to comment. "We will not say anything until we know about the restoration programme," said one.

◆ The congregation at John Gummers local church in Ealing should not be too alarmed when he does not turn up on Sunday morning. Gummer, who has resigned his seat on the General Synod, has not yet left the Church of England, despite his opposition to women priests. But the agriculture minister will be worshipping this Sunday in St Lucia, where he flew this weekend to "talk about bananas". Gummer's spokesman says: "I spoke to him on his carphone earlier and he told me that St Lucia's Anglican church



does not have women priests. He'll be attending mass. I think he's looking forward to the visit."

Shelf life

DESPITE the recession, Peter de Savary has lost little of his entrepre-neurial spirit. Following news of his Hogmanay rave" at Littlecote House, the Elizabethan mansion near Hungerford, comes word that de Savary is setting up a "personal collections" exhibition there.

De Savary has placed an advert in this month's The Field seeking 'interesting historical collections' for the house's long gallery. Collectors are offered the chance to lend their exhibits "free of charge". There is no mention of the fact that de Savary charges a £4.80 entry fee to the house and grounds.

nessman is feeling the pinch. "I'm sure they will be happy to lend their stuff. They know the rules. No one is recession-proof but Mr de Savary is still here and still going strong

III wind?

IF Norman Lamont is still searching for the economic miracle he should take a trip to Florida, where inhabitants are just beginning to discover the silver lining left by the clouds of hurricane Andrew. A University of Florida study shows that post-hurricane rebuilding will boost the economy until 1995. Next year employment is expected to grow by 3.8 per cent. Had Andrew not happened the growth rate would have been 2.8 per cent. Growth in real personal income.

0.3 per cent this year, is expected to be 4.9 per cent next year, thanks largely to insurance payours — a prediction to make Lloyd's names choke on their champagne.

Pink'un

WHILE John Smith tried this week to modernise the Labour party by severing its union links, the party's co-ordinating committee e Savary charges a £4.80 entry fee the house and grounds.

David Redfern, de Savary's was taking a step back in the past. Set up in the 1980s as an intellectual all alternative to the hard left, the







• Sir Denis Thatcher's renowned equilibrium at Number 10 Downing Street is said to have had much to do with the golf course. That may soon be a pleasure of the past. Thatcher, left, disclosed to fellow guests, who included Vivien Doffield, centre, and Gerald Ronson, right, at the £1,000 a head Anglo-Israel dinner on Thursday night at Guildhall that he had cut down his golf. "I'm afraid my back is rather painful. I'm frankly playing less and less these days." He does, however, espouse the merits of playing the game in a warm climate. "I think the sun would ease my back," he added, fuelling speculation that the Thatchers' next incarnation might be as neighbours of the Reagans in California.

Labour co-ordinating committee is

bringing out a new magazine.

With the support of such huminaries as Bryan Gould, the magazine, called Renewal, will be distributed to all the party sopinion makers. And who prints it? Step forward Lawrence & Wishart, the south London printers, closely connected to the old Communist Party of Great Britain, since renamed the

## Biter bit

DEDICATED admen are used to plunging themselves into the product they are selling. Those devising ads for soap powder wash their un-derpants in it, those flogging coffee drink it all day long. Nevertheless, it came as a shock to Rob Burleigh. a copywriter for the London advertising agency Euro RSCG, when he received an unexpected taste of

his latest product. Burleigh, who has just written a poster slogan publicising the housing charity Shelter, was evicted from his London flat last weekend.

"I had been given a month's notice by my landlady," he says, "but I could not find assumbles and

could not find anywhere else and she flew off the handle. I got this phone call at work saying she had evicted me." It took him weeks to retrieve his belongings, deposit and advance rent.

Burleigh says that if he had not been able to move in with his girl-friend, he would have been on the streets - his family lives in Nottingham. "I've never been homeless before and I never want to be aguard brought home the importance of



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# **AGAINST AGGRESSION**

The West needs a winter of statesmanship to curb a Balkan war

rthur Koestler once warned on these pages that a "decade of demagogues" in different parts of the world might be a matched by a "decade of dentists" in the leadership of the West. He was writing about the Eighties and he was wrong. Today, as Serbia struts and Bosnia burns, it seems that the great man may have been merely misled in his timing.

European leaders are preparing for next week's Edinburgh summit. The talk is of rebate and subsidiarity, enlargement and Maastricht: the subject might as well be molars. But, slowly, quietly, and at lower levels in the chancelleries of Europe, there is growing worry about greater matters: in five years' time, it is said, we may look back to winter, 1992, and ask why Western governments refused to use the weapons they command to save Europe from a widening war.

Any words of pre-emptive military action to avert war are still barely whispered. When the whisper is heard, it is muffled and stifled by arguments that "nothing can be done... the public would not put up with the casualties . . . and the Balkans always behave abominably, don't they?". On the other side of the Atlantic, policy is in flux. America acquiesced in the EC's early, rash insistence that this was Europe's problem. Now it awaits President Clinton, a man whose character is shaped both by hatred of the Vietnam war and love of John F. Kennedy. How will he judge the threat to peace from Serbian ambitions? No one knows.

Everyone in Western public office, anxious with reason to avoid intervening militarily in a notoriously complex region, has maintained so far that in this nasty little "local" or "civil" war, the correct policy is diplomacy coupled with a small peacekeeping effort and humanitarian assistance. This position, though appearing as one of prudence, is a gamble that neither addresses, nor was designed to address, a real and present danger of international conflict. Governments are only now beginning to consider just how combustible the Balkans could be, if the war in Bosnia is not stopped.

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Serbian territorial ambitions are not confined to Croatia and Bosnia; they extend to areas only thinly inhabited by Serbs. Beigrade has claims on Macedonia to the south, over which two Balkan have been wars fought this century.

Cyrus Vance, a consummately cautious diplomat, worries publicly that "a spark from Macedonia

could ignite the whole region". Serbian nationalists are already talking about "a weekend in Skopje". Were Serbian forces to move south, Bulgaria, Albania and even Greece could join a war of partition, reviving ancient territorial claims.

Fighting in Macedonia could spark an explosion in Kosovo, which Serbia views as its historical heartland but where Albanians form an exploited and bitterly resentful 90 per cent Muslim majority. A Serb crack-down could bring in Albania; Turkey would be pressed to intervene by Islamic countries, which already see the Bosnian war in terms of a Christian onslaught against Muslims. Two Nato members. Greece and Turkey, could be on opposing sides in a wider war.

The principles that the West laid down when fighting first broke out in the former Yugoslavia are sound enough. But first in Croatia, and now in Bosnia, the West has failed to enforce the idea that frontiers should be protected from forcible change. British, French and other troops have been drawn into the Balkans slowly and without a coherent strategy. Nearly 23,000 UN troops are policing enclaves in Croatia and ferrying food parcels across the war-zones of Bosnia-Herzegovina. But no Western government has accepted the case for sending troops to Bosnia to enforce the peace. None even countenances the use of force to prevent the armed obstruction of the relief effort.

Ronald Reagan said yesterday in the Oxford Union that "when the nations of the UN commit themselves to medical and food relief they should also commit the resources, and above all the will, to deliver the supplies regardless of roaming bandits who would thwart the international consensus". There

is little sign that he will be heard. For months it has been evident that the Serbs will stop fighting and cede territory only when their leaders are convinced that this is a war they cannot win without impoverishment, isolation and unacceptable casualties. At the moment they are convinced of the opposite case. Because the UN forces are not mandated or equipped to fight back, their presence may even reinforce the Serbs' conviction that the world has nothing

to throw at them but words. The Serbs may well be right. There is a non-interventionist solution which, however cynical, has all the appeal of simplicity. Western meddling, it is said, just prolongs the agony. The Bosnian Muslims have lost the war, and suffering would be most speedily relieved if the world came to terms with reality and redrew the borders between the former Yugoslavia's republics, taking account of the aggressors' military gains.

Let no one think that such a policy is free of risk. There is dangerous precedent in inaction. Acceptance of Serbian gains would encourage demagogues and ethnic conflict across practically every frontier in Central and Eastern Europe. A Realpolitik attitude to Serbian success might keep American and European troops out of fighting in the Balkans for the time being. But it would not stop the war in Bosnia, or avert the risk of the war's spreading. The Bosnian Serbs' hold over the lands they have conquered is both precarious and contested by Croats as well as Muslims: if the Bosnian Muslims were deserted by the West, Serbs and Croats would fight over the country's corpse. The risks of a wider conflict would be undiminished.

There is a second, more far-reaching objection to rewarding Serbian aggression. Almost 40 countries went to war with Iraq, under Western leadership, to defend the postwar structure of international law. Islamic countries see the West's readiness to counter to Serbian aggression as a test of good faith. Should it be proved openly to them that the war over Kuwait was no more than "a war about oil", the West will be weakened in attempts to win collective action in future under the United Nations emblem.

A much-discussed alternative to direct Western intervention would be to send UN troops to Macedonia and Kosovo, while arming and training Bosnia's defenders much as the West armed the Afghan mujahideen. Many Bosnians ask for nothing more. But it would take years to forge untrained volunteers into a fighting force.

The West must test the Serbs will and capacity to continue the fight. Meaningless bluff will not work. What is needed is the threat of a timetable, leading to military enforcement of the peace under either Chapter VII or Chapter VIII of the UN Charter. Both out of principle and to win Russian assent to collective action against fellow-Slavs, the UN must be even-handed. Croatia should be put under notice of UN sanctions unless it withdraws all troops from Herzegovina and ceases to support Bosnian Croat operations there.

The first step must be to enforce the UN ban on flights over Bosnia, routinely violated by the Serbs, shooting down aircraft and destroying any bases from which they take off. Britain, France, Spain and Canada fear that their troops would come under Serb fire: they are coming under fire now. The

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answer is to empower them to return fire in good earnest, rather than merely in selfdefence.

The Bosnian Serbs are heavily reliant on Belgrade for money. food and munitions. Serbia should be warned that unless these deliveries cease, air power will also be used to bombard depots and strategic routes into Bosnia.

A year ago, The Times argued that before recognising Bosnia, the UN must dispatch peacekeepers to prevent the war spreading from Croatia. That advice was ignored. The EC must not repeat the same mistake: Macedonia must receive the thousand UN troops it has

requested before, not after, recognition. Western governments should simultaneously prepare for the dispatch of a larger UN force, equipped "to enforce the peace by all available means" if Serbia has not implemented a genuine ceasefire by a given date, formally accepted the principle that frontiers will not be changed by force and started to negotiate seriously.

Every government which commits troops to such a force must be prepared for the possibility that they will have to be used in combat. There will be casualties, and risks to the civilian population. But civilians are already suffering horribly, and opponents of intervention exaggerate both the feats of Tito's partisans against the Germans in the last war and the fighting prowess of the Serbs in this war.

War against Serbia might indeed demand 100,000 or more troops, the figure bandied around the dentists' waiting rooms of the free world. But war against Serbia is not, and should not be, considered. The UN should be there to stop the fighting and push the Serbs (and Croats) back from Bosnian territory taken by force. With the support of air power. Nato's logistical resources and superior training and equipment, a smaller force could turn the tide.

None of this will happen without the leadership of Britain, France and America - the countries which would have to contribute most of the frontline troops. Little of that is apparent. Nato is, as Mr Reagan said yesterday, "tragically inactive".

he need for a tougher Western approach is daily spelled out in blood. Britain could and should use the special influence it has in Washington during a change of presidency. But unless Britain can overcome its reluctance to take military action, there is little chance of America joining Europe in action for which US military support, at least by air and sea, is indispensable.

Much has changed since the summer in Luxembourg when the EC first set out to mediate, proclaiming that "the hour of Europe" had come. Catalysts for a new strategy will include Western public horror at the winter suffering in Bosnia and the impression that a swelling refugee exodus makes on the most cynical of Western overnments. That is the optimist's scenario. The pessimist's is that action may be forced on the West by the crisis on Nato's southern

flank, as the third Balkan war begins. To wait until that happens cannot be in the interests of the West. Compassion has already drawn international forces into Bosnia. Interest now joins with compassion. Leadership is needed to promote that truth.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Maastricht and referendums

From Mr George Cunningham

Sir, If the Deputy Speaker, despite his indication that he is still open to persuasion on the matter (report December 2), in the end refuses to allow members of Parliament to vote on an effective amendment requesting a referendum before the Maastricht treaty is built into British law, it will be a significant reflection on the role of the Chair as defender of the rights of the House as a whole.
The bills on Scottish and Welsh

devolution in the 1970s did not initially include provision for referendums; amendments requiring them were added during consideration in the House. It cannot therefore be argued that a referendum clause is "outside the scope of the bill", the usual ground for ruling an amendment out of order.

As to the argument that it is improper for private members, as against the government, to initiate proposals having expenditure implications, the fact is that masses of amendments with some such implications are accepted every session and that they normally fall foul of the rule only if they directly and specifically authorise money to be spent. Even the House of Lords, theoretically de-barred from considering money matters, has found ways of advancing proposals which raise expenditure.

In the light of the Deputy Speaker's remark that members should exercise greater ingenuity in trying to draft a greatest danger is that he will accept only an "opinion-expressing motion" which the government will be free to accept or reject. This will not do; it is for the House finally to decide the issue, not the government.

The Speaker and all her deputies must accept their responsibility to see that members are able to do all natural things arising on draft legislation placed before them. If they do not, one will have to conclude that the Chair is more concerned to please the government than to uphold the rights of the House, as it has sworn to do.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (Labour MP for Islington South, 1970-83). 28 Manor Gardens. Hampton, Middlesex. December 2.

## From Mr Martin Howe

Sir, On November 3, just before the Maastricht "paving" debate, you reported the prime minister as reassur ing Conservative MPs that the preamble to the Maastricht treaty is just 'Euro-waffle" which has "no legal force whatever".

This is puzzling. Probably the single most fundamental constitutional case to have come before the European Court of Justice was Van Gend en Loos [1963] ECR 1. This established the principle that Community law is directly applicable and "constitutes a new legal order, the subjects of which comprise not only Member States bur also their nationals". The court's reasoning was explicitly based on "the preamble to the [Rome] Treaty which refers not only to governments but to

Van Gend en Loos is one of the best known decisions of the European court and is taught to students on elementary courses about European Community law. It is disturbing that the advice apparently given to the prime minister should contain so basic a misconception, since it calls into question the quality of the advice he is receiving on other aspects of this

Yours faithfully, MARTIN HOWE, Francis Taylor Building December 1.

#### Paying the piper From the Secretary-General

of the Arts Council of Great Britain

Sir, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies refers (letter, December 3) to a report in The Times in which I was quoted as saying that giving money to composers was "not directly related" to the Arts Council's policy of support for artists.

The quotation is self-evident and arrant nonsense and must have arisen from a misinterpretation of what was said. In fact support for composers is a perfect example of the policy to which I referred - the Arts Council exists to serve the arts.

Yours sincerely ANTHONY EVERITT. Secretary-General The Arts Council of Great Britain. 14 Great Peter Street, SW1. December 3.

## Fit and proper

From Dr P. Glaister

Sir, The decision by the Danish company Lego to build a theme park on the site of the former Windsor safari park (report, December 3) should come as welcome news for some of those hit by the recession in this area, particularly small firms of builders, or should I say firms of small builders

Yours faithfully. P. GLAISTER. 3 Instow Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

# John Gummer's reasons for quitting synod examined

From the Reverend D. B. Webb

Sir, John Gummer's resignation from the General Synod (report, December 2) and the reasons advanced for it raise some issues that call for clarifica-

It is not the intention of the General Synod "to change the orders", but merely to admit to the priesthood people without distinction of gender. Mr Gummer mentions "the anthority of the (Church) fathers". They have many things to say about the qualities required in priests: love of God, love of the people, humility, lack of ambition, gifts of intelligence and oratory, holiness, etc., but they hardly ever mention masculinity. These gifts

can be found in women. Mr Gummer claims the Church "has arrogated to itself power it could not possibly have". Article XX says: The Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authority in Commoversies of Faith: And yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written ...

I have looked carefully to see whether the ordination of women is consonant with Scripture, and believe it is. There is nothing in Article XX about "Catholic tradition", although Article XIX says: "the Church of Rome hath erred, not only in their lives and manner of Ceremonies, but also in matters of Faith". There is no reason why we should have to wait for Rome in this matter.

DAVID WEBB, St James Vicarage, Church Lane, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancashire.

From Mr Roger Fry

Sir. Article 8 of schedule 2 of the Synodical Government Measure, 1969 enables the General Synod of the Church of England to pass measures and canons that change the

Has Mr John Gummer, who joined the synod in 1979, only now discovered he disagrees with the constitu-

Yours faithfully, ROGER FRY (Member, House of Laity), 11 Evelegh Road, Farlington, Portsmouth, Hampshire. December 2.

From Sir Leslie Fielding

Sir, While sympathising with John Gummer, I have resigned after two years from the General Synod for different reasons.

Like many middle-of-the-road Anglicans. I am agnostic about women priests. But any such really major move ought to be taken only by an equally major consensus within the Church of England. The synod has

not demonstrated such a consensus, in part because it is a flawed and selfsuspecting institution.

One of the last acts of the previous General Synod was to call for a radical reappraisal of its own composition, purposes and procedures. One of the next acts of the present General Synod will be to effect that overhaul. Meanwhile it is in no position fundamentally to modify the apostolic priesthood by qualified majority voting, as if it were fixing subsidies on oilseed rape in Brussels.

The decision on women priests was un-Anglican, and I want no part in the body which took it.

Yours faithfully. LESLIE FIELDING (Vice Chancellor, University of Sussex, 1987-92). Sutton Court, Stanton Lacy, Ludlow, Shropshire.

From Mrs Caroline Armitage

Sir, In resigning from the General Synod, Mr Gummer stated that he felt "excluded". How does he think women members of the Church have felt for centuries?

Yours sincerely, CAROLINE D. ARMITAGE, 33a Spencers Road, Horsham, West Sussex. December 2.

From the Chaplain of Christ's College, Cambridge

Sir, The Dean of Queens' College Cambridge, Brian Hebblethwaite (letter, November 28), accuses the former Bishop of London of "theo-logical illiteracy — in thinking there to be a serious doctrinal issue behind the decision to ordain women priests". However, there are, I suggest, several serious theological issues behind that

First, there is the place of the Bible in the decision-making process of the church. The New Testament appears to teach that women should not be in positions of ultimate teaching authority (I Timothy ii, 12). Should that be decisive for the modern Church? If not, on what basis do we decide which passages are to be followed and which

The second issue it raises is the place of the wider Church in the decision-making process of the Church of England. Is it enough to get a two-thirds majority of General Synod, or should some consensus first be reached within "the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church" of which the Church of England claims

to be a part? Thirdly, there is the relationship between men and women in the creation purposes of God. Is that relationship to be symmetrical or complementary? Does equality of status require identity of role?

The Dean of Queens' may disagree with the former Bishop of London on the answers to these questions, but they are clearly issues that are both theological and serious. Just how serious can be gauged from the fact that belief in the virgin birth or the physical resurrection are not prerequisites for episcopal appointment. but belief in the ordination of women may well now be required.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL LLOYD,

Chaplain. Christ's College, Cambridge.

From Mr Colin W. V. McCleery Sir, The suggestion from Simon Hughes, MP (report, December 2, early editions), that Mr Gummer should accept the democratic view of the Church" epitomises all that is wrong with the Church of England. If Anglican doctrine and orders are based on Scripture they cannot also be

determined by "democratic" vote. Yours sincerely (faithfully?), C. W. V. McCLEERY, Orchard House, Rodborough Common, Stroud, Gloucestershire. December 2.

From Mrs Susan Carson-Rowland Sir, Since the minute but vociferous minority of Catholic women belonging to the Catholic Women's Network and St Joan's Alliance has been pontificating for years about the necessity of women's ordination, it is depressing to read Ruth Gledhill's report (November 20) that a "new

lobby" is being formed. These groups, knowing well that the Church has declared itself not unwilling, but unable, to ordain women to the priesthood, clearly believe that their personal opinions have greater validity. With their breathless admiration for the "prophetic and courageous decision" of the Church of England synod, it is mysterious that they do not plan to go where their hearts and convictions lie instead of subjecting their Catholic brethren to further displays of bitterness and discontent.

The only viable solution is for disaffected members of both communions to change places. As with the exchange of council houses, advertisements for an opposite number could be placed in the personal columns. Very ecumenical and excluding all possible hint of the dreaded proselynsm or "poaching

Yours faithfully, SUSAN CARSON-ROWLAND,

141 Ecclesfield Road, Chapeltown, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

# Musical variety

From Mr Simon Berry

Sir, Susan Elkin ("Oh for a song to sing O!", November 23) rightly points out that there is much to be gained from school performances of Gilbert and Sullivan. My school has mounted two fully staged performances re-cently — Trial by Jury and The Mikado. However, she is quite wrong to criticise schools for investigating other genres. Any stage performance is an ideal method of educating across the traditional boundaries of the curricular subjects, irrespective of its

Ms Elkin obviously revels in the parody and pastiche in Sullivan's scores. Surely it is easier for students to appreciate these muances after performances of works such as Magic Flute or Dido and Aeneas?

Many Britten operas, for instance, are planned around the talents of

Parson's Green, SW6. November 25.

I would always shy away from asking any but the very best of school violinists to tackle a G&S part. When it comes to Bugsy Malone and Grease we should never forget the exacting demands for dancers that would vie in difficulty with any bunch of G&S sailors merrily turning the capstan. No musical style is to be damned. none should take precedence. G&S

should take an equal place with all styles. Perhaps, then, one Savoy operetta every five years? Sincerely, SIMON BERRY (Director of Music), Lady Margaret School,

From Miss Hazel R. Morgan

Sir, Susan Elkin believes that "the educational gain" of schools performing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas "would be considerable". So might

These works were written for mature singers. They require a reliable vocal technique, strong projection (spoken and sung) of the "rich vocabulary", and plenty of stamina. Even as a trained singer I have always found G&S hard on the voice: the closing chorus of The Mikado feels as demanding as Beethoven's Choral Symphony. School-age voices, female as well as

male, are at a very sensitive stage of development and should not be overstressed, no matter how mature they may sound. Indeed, it is the precocious, enthusiastic youngsters who are at greatest risk of permanent damage. Even if all the notes are there, unless the child has learned the correct method of breathing it is unlikely that he or she will be able to

Yours sincerely HAZEL R. MORGAN, 80 Rickstones Road, Witham, Essex.

sustain a role written for an adult.

#### Prisen education From Mr J. Tall

Sir, As a prisoner in the young offender system I have benefited greatly from the education provided in prison. In the past two years in custody I have gained three A levels (two As, one B) and I will soon acquire a vocational training qualification. More importantly, I have seen many other immates, often lacking in the most basic academic skills, gain so much from the education department that I am convinced it is worth its weight in gold.

I am thus dismayed by the government's plan (report, August 24) to contract out these services to the private sector from April 1, 1993. Few doubt this will prove to be a system where low cash bids are all-important, with little regard to quality and to the harm which would be caused by the uncertainty involved. This will lead, I believe, to disruption to the education programme in 1993 and a reduction in education standards.

For the government, cost-cutting is clearly the order of the day. Sadly, this will result in a raw deal for prisoners desperately seeking a way out of the rut of criminality, which ultimately will reflect on society in general. Yours faithfully,

J. TALL, HM Young Offender Institution, Bierton Road. Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

## Services and shows

From Dr Denis Cashman

Sir, Graham Young (letter, December expresses disquiet that actors and singers take part in memorial services in church.

Surely they are using God-given talents, in God's house, in the good service of others - perhaps friends or relations. I find that wholly appro-

Yours faithfully DENIS CASHMAN, 4 Derwent Road, Cullercoats, Tyne and Wear. December 2.

## Missing millions

From Mr Peter J. Hyde

Sir, If, after the public spending auditor discovered irregular payments totalling £1,218,000 for an efficiency incentive scheme (report, December 3), the Treasury decides to write off the money as a loss and the defence ministry neither takes disciplinary action nor tries to recover any of the money, why should time and money be wasted in having an audit

Perhaps, to minimise the auditors' disillusionment and frustration, they might be allowed to share in the recreational and social facilities involved in the missing £1.2 million and not spend their time auditing.

Yours sincerely, PETER J. HYDE, 15 Elm Green Close, Worcester. December 3.

## Life, death and caring

From Professor and Mrs David Miers Sir. Correspondence on the case of

Tony Bland (November 21, 23, 27) has not addressed the physical psychological and ethical challenges which would face those charged with caring for, yet withdrawing nourishment from a living body. Further questions for public dis-

cussion, and legal address, are whether the responsible physician can be said to speak for all professionals involved in care, and whether the interests of lay carers who are not relatives can be identified and consid-

The complexity of caring should not be ignored.

Yours sincerely, DAVID MIERS, MARGARET MIERS. 69 Church Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, South Glamorgan. November 29.

## A green shoot?

From Mr Anthony Herschel Hill

Sir. At long last I have proof the recession is at an end and recovery is at hand. The bank statement for my deposit account shows: balance 0.00; interest, 0.02; less tax, 0.01; balance, 00.01.

Yours sincerely. ANTHONY HERSCHEL HILL 70 Prebend Street, N1.

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# **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 4: The Princess Royal. Colonel-in-Chief, 14th/20th King's Hussars, today attended the King's Royal Hussars' Amal-paration Parade at York Bar-racks. Munster, Germany, and was received by the Colonel of the King's Royal Hussars (Major Gen-eral John Friedberger) and the Colonel of the 14th/20th King's Hussars (Major General Sir Mich-

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief. The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, was represented at the Thanksgiving Service for Lieutenant Colo-nul John White at Sherborne Abbey by Colonel Thomas White,

**European Court** 

YORK HOUSE. ST JAMES'S PALACE

of Justice The Grand Duke of Luxembourg attended a formal session of the Court of Justice of the European Communities held vesterday in Luxembourg to mark the 40th anniversary of its establishment. Mr Ole Due, president of the roourt, presided.

Mr Egon Klepsch. President of the European Parliament. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Mr Jacques Delors, presi-dent of the commission, Mr Jacques Santer, Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Lord Keith of Kinkel also

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will attend the Falkland Island Association's wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph at 10.45. Princess Alexandra will attend gala performance of The Nut-cracker by the English National Ballet at the Theatre Royal, Nor-

Honorary Colonel of the 4th

Mr Peter Westmacott was in

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of the University of Surrey, this afternoon presided at the Confer-

ment of Degrees Ceremony in Guildford Cathedral and later

attended a dinner for honoray graduates at the University.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

# Appointment

Mr Nigel Hamilton Nicholls, an Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, has become Clerk of the Privy Council.

#### European Institute for the Media

On the occasion of the Consultation on the Broadcast Media and the Citizens of Europe the Institute last evening gave a dinner at Leeds Castle, Kent. Lord Thomson of Monifieth presided and Lord Aldington, Dr Francisco Balseman and Sir Jack Stewart Clark also goods. Arongs those Clark also spoke. Among those present were:

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The Amhassadors of Belgium.
Portugal and Romania, the Charge
d'Affaires of Yugoslavia, the MinisterCounsellor of the Czech and Slovak
Republic, Mr Boris Bergant, Mr
Kennech Styth, Dr Maryn Bond, Mr
Adam Clesielki, Mrs Liubov Clormaja,
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Mr Colin Shaw, Mr Paul Sisa, Herr
Klaus Schütz, Mr Andrew Taussig,
Miss Tünde Valjda, Madame Soune
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Brian Wenham and Mr Will Wyatt, December 4: The Prince of Wates was installed as Foreign Associate Member of the Academie des Sciences Morales et Politiques at the Institut de France in Paris.

#### Luncheon

"Saints and Sinners" Club Mr Ian Irvine, Chairman of the "Saints and Sinners" Club, pre-sided at the Christmas huncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, was the principal guest. Viscount Tony-pandy, Mr Ned Sherrin and Mr Neil Benson also spoke.

Service dinner 1st Regiment Royal Horse

Past and present members of 1st Regiment Royal Home Artillery held their annual Reunion Dinner at Woolwich last night. General Sir Edward Burgess was the

TOMORROW: Lord Ashley of

# Church news

The Rev David Barnes, Currie, Minister-in-Shepper, w special responsibility for St Peier's Hallway: to be Vien; Ash, St Micholas w Westmarsh (Canterbuy). The Rev Hugh Burion, Priest-in-charge, Packingson w Normanon-le-Heath: to be Vien; Packingson w Normanon-le-Heath: to be Team Ministry (Lichneid). The Rev Salty a Chapman, Deacon, St Markies' Stoneydelph: to be Team Ministry (Lichneid). to be Archdeacon of Ely, succeeding the Ven David Walser, who is returng in March.

The Rev Colin Feether, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Margare, and Bumi Dean of Thaner (Canterbury): to be Archbistop's Chaplain for Lambeth Paisce) from March 1, 1993, succeeding the Rev Canon Graham James, who is to be Suffragan Island of Germans, in the dioces of Trure.

The Rev Gordon Reid, Vicar-General of the diocese in Europe to be also Canon of Gibrahar Cathedral (Europe).

The Rev Nicholas Ash, Assistant Carate, Herchard Cathedral (Europe).

The Rev Lewis Attinson, Vicar, St. The Rev Lewis Attinson, Vicar, St.

Vicil, Short Heath Team Ministry (Lichrichit).

The Rev Robert Clifton, Rector, Culford. West Stow, Wordwell, Hempron, Hengrave and Lackford: to be also Rural Dean of Thingpe (St Edmundsbury and Ipowich). The Rev Helen Connell, Assistant Cutylain as Grinnisty District General Hospitel (Lincoln): to be Chaptain of Reni and Curiterbury Hospital. The Rev Brian Davis, Vicar, Hinckley St Many, Leicesser: up be also Eural Dean of Spartenhoe west (Leicesser). The Rev Roger Driver. Assistant Curate, St Peter, Woothou: to be Priesin-charge. St Peter, Woothou: to be Priesin-charge. St Paul. Fazalacticy (Liverpoot).

The Rev Mark East, Assistant Curate, Dalton-in-Furness (Carlisie): to be

Team Vicir, Bockmaff w Bagnadi Team Ministry Lichfield.
The Rev Peter Goldrhorpe, Middlands area Secretary, Church's Ministry among fewe to be Vicar, Leaton and advirancement of Lichthed.
The Rev Jonathan Cordon, Assistant Curan. St. Michae's, Tileburgs (Oxford) to be Team Vicar, Stoke Team Ministry, with special responsibility for All Salmis, Hamley (Lichfield). The Rev Frederick Harwood, Homorary Curant, Madron (Turot) to be Procensor of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trimity (Europe). The Rev Amikony Hogg, Priess-in-charge, Hanney, Denchworth, East Challow (Oxford). The Rev Grahame Jones, Parish Evangelist, Skellingthotpe (Lincoln); so be Parish Evangelist, Scallingthotpe (Lincoln); so be Parish Evangelist, Booker, Righ Wycombe (Oxford). The Rev George Modes, Vicar, St. Mary the Virgin, South Elmsall: to be Team Rector, Brighouse (Walerlield). The Rev Richard Newton, Assistant Curate, St. Martin, Dorking, St. Extraction, Estimation, w Tesponshilly for Pricken Church (Galldfern), brighouse, St. Martin, Dorking, St. Extraction, Estamon, w Tesponshilly for Pricken Church (Galldfern),

# (Carlisle). The Rev Lewis Addinson, Vicar, St. Paul's, Wordsworth Avenue, Sheffield: to be Vicar, The Ascension Church, Dugaritmose Checircid. Weekend birthdays

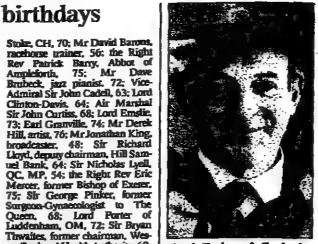
TODAY: Viscount Bridgeman. 62: Mr Josè Carreras, lenor, 46: Lord Challorst. 73: Miss Lucie Clayton, model agent. 64; Sir William Downward, former Lord Unformation Greater Munchester, 80: Major-General H.R.B. Foole, VC, 88; Mr P.J. Grant, chairman, Sun Life Assurance Society, 63; Sir Peter Kinatt, Speaker's Sec-retary, 65; Little Richard, rockn'roll singer, 57; the Earl of Longford, KG, 87; Lord Mat-thews, 73; Mr Sheridan Morley, thews. 73: Mr Shendan Morney. author and broadcaster. 51; Lord Napier and Ethick, 62; Lord Nathan. 70; Lord Rotherwick, 80; Mr Jeremy Sandiard, writer, 58; the Earl of Scarbrough, 60; Mr Harold Sehag-Monteflore, bar-rister, 68; Mr Bill Skitt, chief constable, Hertfordshire, 51; Dame Mary Smieton, civil ser-

Next Archdeacon of Ely

The Rev Canon Jeffrey Watson, Vicur, Bitterne, and Rural Dean of

Southampton, diocese Winchester

to be Archdeacon of Ely, succeed-



Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, yesterday received an hon-orary degree in law at the University of Northumbria

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.N.J. Carr and Miss A.C. Taylor

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Carr, of Great Glen, Leicestershire, and Amber, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Taylor, of Herne Bay, Kent.

and Miss J. Ashbourn The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ed Chamblin, of Amarillo, Teras, and Jo, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian

Mr W.R.M. Coles

and Miss C.L. Daley The engagement is announced between William, son of the lare Mr and Mrs Maidand Coley, of Mamble, Worcestershire, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Daley, of Chippenham, Wilshire.

Mr N.J. Curran and Miss R.E. Morse

The engagement is announced between Nick, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Curran, of Dorking, Surrey, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr Anthony Morse and Mrs Piona Ruddle, of

Mr C.M. Hamilton and Miss N.W. Taylor

The engagement is announced in Hong Kong between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hamilton, of Exmouth, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Taylor, of West Chiltington.

Mr.1.T. Howekin and Miss E.S. Schlesinger

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr Kelvin and the late Mrs Kay Houchin, of Connecticut, USA, and Emma, daughter of Mr Roger Schlesinger and Mrs Christopher Ryder, both

and Miss S. Delroy The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Hubbard, of Holton St Mary. Suffolk, and Sarah, elder daughter of District Judge and Mrs Burton Delroy, of SINDA

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Bolton, Lancashire. Mr J.P. Nelson and Miss A. Sevastopulo

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs K.M. Nelson, of Berlin, Germany, and Alexandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Sevastopulo, of Ottershaw, Surrey.

Sevasnopulo, of Ottershaw, Surrey, Dr L. Stracideton-Fergus and Miss J. McClelland
The engagement is announced between Lachlan, only son of Mr Francis Shackleton-Fergus and the late. Mrs Grace Shackleton-Fergus, of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank McClelland, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr RNA Wallis and Miss C.E.L. Douglas and Miss C.E.L. Douglas

The engagement is announced
between Richard Noel Alien, son
of Mr and Mrs Allen Wallis,
of Hampshire, and Catherine
Elizabeth Louise, daughter of the
late Captain the Rev Peter Douglas,
and of Mrs Peter Douglas, of

Devon. Mr N.M. Williams and Miss A.E. Bates

The engagement is announced between Neal, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Williams, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bases, of Ludlow, Shrooshire.

Marriage

Lieutenant Colonel J.C.F. MacCarthy Morrogh and Mrs J.K.E. Jameson Nelson The marriage took place on Monday, November 9, 1992, in Bangor, Co Down, of Lieuzenant Colonel J.C.F. MacCarthy Morrogh (Seumas), of Inis Beg. Baltimore, Co Cork, and Joyce K.E. Jameson Nelson, formerly of Employer, Conference of Cortes and Joyce K.E. Jameson Nelson, formerly of Employer, Conference on Security Conferen Benekerry, Carlow.

# Church services tomorrow

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: !! Choral Euch, Darke in E. Responses & Feach me O Lord (Byrd). O salutaris hostia (Nicholson). Rev Dr Maureen Palmer, 4 Choral E, Responses (Byrd), Stanford in B flat, Feach me O Lord (Attwood). Canon Alan Liff.

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Double Organ (Purceus a 30 Night, Prayers, Mrs Joan Barham.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 LTh 6 HC; 93.0 Punin C & Punde. The 1 Word of God in the Old Testament, Prevs J. Jones: 11.15 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis Herkeley, O Sacrum convivium (Mestalam), Calon Barry Thompson; 3 Willow Trace Carol Sardice; 4.45 Hound Table Caroles 6 Choral E, Reponses (1976), Remember now try Creater (1976), Remember (1976), Love bads me welcome (Vaughan Williams), Rev David Robinson; 330 E, O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), Responses (Byrd), Faux Bourdons (Mintock), And I saw a new heaven libitonia.

(Handel), Prelude and Fugue in Groinor (Buxuchude), Canon Eone; 3.45
E. Purcell in Grainor, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), Offertoire sur les grands jeux (Couperin).

St ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Chywd: 11
Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Berteley),
A spottess rose (Moted, Parassia in Finitor (Mozard, Rev Glyn Price; 3.30
Choral E. The Second Service (Gibbons), Responses (Rose), There shall be signs in the sun (Wadely).

BY GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwarks (Bach), Bennember, remember not our offences (Purcell), Pr Dermet Dunne.

not our offences (Parcell). Pr Dermos Dunne.

LEMESTER CATHEDRAL'S INC. 945
M: 10.30 Euch, Setting (Darke in E), Teach me O Lord Amwood). The Provost 4 Choral R. Setting (Ireland in C). Thou will keep him (Wesley).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 9.30 Sung Euch, Collegium Regule (Hardist). O Sacrum convivium (Gabriel): 11.15
M. How beautiful upon the mountains (Stanner: 3.45 E. Lord iet the knoe mine end (Greene), Canon John Warwick.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 4.55
MP. 9 HC 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass (Stravinsky), Lord iet me know mine end (Greene). The Arthdoson: 6.30 E. Walnishey in D miner. We wak for thy loving kindness. Rev Bill Twidell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL'S HC 10.30, M. Te Deum and Jubliane (Tordidins). Rev Michael Saward: 11.30 HC. Sunnion in F. Prevent us O Lord (Byrd); 3.15 E. Canticles (Nicholson in D Hal). I saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev Dr Jonethan Trigs.

HC 9.40 Sung C 11 Choral Such. This is the record (Globons), The Provents

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(Ferguson in C., Teach me O Lord (Attwood; 10.30 Sung Euch, Teach me O Lord (Attwood; 10.30 Sung Euch, Teach me O Lord (Attwood; 10.30 Sung Euch, Teach me O Lord (Attwood), Fugue on the Magnificat (Bach), Canon Edward Turner; 3.15 E. The Kingdon of God is close at hand (Ferguson), Moriey first service. Thy Word is a lantern (Purcell), Printing (Durufiel; 6.30 Confirmation, Rev Ambrose Weekes.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDDAL: 9 HC. 11 Euch, Messe solennelle (Vierne), People, 100k east (Bramma), Remember, O thou man (Revenseroft), Canon Roy White: 3 E. Setting (Jackson in C., Hear my prayer (Mendelssolin), Canon David Pulner.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 3 HC. 9.45 Sung Euch, Cull to remembrance (Farmine Darke in El, Rev P da N Lucas: 11.30 M. Benedictus (Harwood in A flat), Ecce stoordos magnus (Vienies), Preb P J Riley; 6 Weils (Weiley), 11 S Euch, Rev Philip Chester; 11.15 Abbby Euch, Misse Bei Amiliati aitera (Lassing), O taste and see (Vanghan Williams), O sacrum convivium (Fallis), Rev Paul Ferguson: 3 E. Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), Rev Paul Banet: 5.45 Organ Recital, Meriton Wynn Jonne, 6.30 ES, Especialis Remper.

WESTHINSTER ASTURIANE 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10 MP; 10.30 Solemn Mass, The Malcolm Sargeat Restival Cholt; 230 Organ Recital, Iris Schollinoru; 3.30 Solemn Ves.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 9.45 HC. 10 S Euch, Thee we adore (Fialmsong), Missa ad imitationem Pater Nosser (Handl), Very Rev John Southgrate; 11.30 M. Retponsel (Smith), Paur Bourdon (Moord); 4 E, Purcell in G minut. Lord thou hast been our refuser of minut. Lord thou hast been our refuser on minut. Lord thou hast been our refuser ou

11.30 M. Responses Smith, Paus bourdon (Moord; 4 E, Purcell in G minor, Lord thou bast been our refuge (Yaughan Williams), Canon Ralph Maynard.

THE CHAPEL BOYAL, St. Sumer's Palace: 8 HC 11.15 Sung Euch, Jackson in G. The Ven Parklord. OUEN'E CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 8 Euch, Short Service (Byrd), Atterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Rev Richard Harries Hurval NAVAL CHILGGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SEIG: 11 S Euch, Turn Thee again (Airwood), Load me Lord (Wesley), The Chaplain.

GHAPDE CHAPEL Weilingson

(Wesley), The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPSL. Wellington
Burracks, SWI: II HC, Carol of the
Advent Prench Tune), Mass in four
parts (Byrd), Lord we beseen thee
(Baren), Band of the Irish Guards, Rev

gamen, Band of the Irish Guards, Rev KR Joyce.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 1) M. Ireland on F. Teach me O Lord (Anwood): 3.30 Choral Each & Confirmation, Statum in D. Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bedissow), Rr Rev & Hon Dr David Hope.
ALL SAINTS. Margaret Street, W1: 8, 7.15 LM. II LDR. Milm Acterna Christi Mimer Palentinal, Teach me Thy Way (Hooper, Rev P A Crowe; 6 E&B, The Short Service, Caustum, Rejolec in the Lord (Anon), Rev C A Jones.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Supplen Wooksy; 6 Rev Simon Parice. GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, WI: 11 S Euch, Canon Roger Oreconcer, Minn Browl (Futtimon), A spottess rose (Howelis).

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Smithfield. BC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral
Buch, Musa
ST BRIDE'S. Floot Street, BC4: 11
Choral M & Euch, Responses (Smith).
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basse (Faure), There is no rose
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Fantasis in E fist (Saint-Saint), Canon
Anthony Harvey.

ST CLEMENT BANES (RAF Church)
WC2: 11 Choral Buch, Mass for five

ST MICHARL'S, Combill, EC3: 11

voices (Synd), Lord we beseech thee IT CHORGES, Hanove Square, WI:

Inwaites, former chairman, wes-sex Regional Health Authority, 69; Mr Charles Vance, director and theatrical producer, 63: the Right Rev Peter Walker, former Bishop of Ely. 73; Mr Peter Willey, cricketer, 43.

BY CEORGE'S. Hanover Square, WI:
8.30 SIC. 11 5 Dach, Missa brevis
(Victorial, O Lord the Maker of all
things (Mundy), The Rector.
87 LAMES'S. Garthcidythe, BOS: 10.30
Sung Ench, Rev John Paul
87 LAMES'S. Sozsea Gardens, W2: 8
HC: 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Asserna
Cartestal (Palestrine), Every valley
(Handel), Rev Butt Gallower, 6 Choral
8, Dorlan Mode (Tallis), Rejolice in the
Lord (Ahon), Rev G Buckle.
87 LUES'S. Chelsea, SWI: 8, 12.15 HC:
10.30 Sung Euch, Means cum jubilo
(Durufle), Hossana to the 500 of
David (Gibboots), Ranessy on 'Lo He
comes' (Leighton), Bev D Walson; 6.30
E. A pockes rose, Rev B Wassen
87 MARK'S. Regents Park Rd, NWI: 8
HC: 10 Family C II Sung Euch, Short
Service (Batten), Cell to remembrance
(Familin), Rev Johns Yairs.
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Par shining names (Nicholson), O thou the control orb (Sibbous), Rev Philip Chester.

BY MARTIN IN THE FIELDS. WC:

9AS FUCKERIS. The Saint Martin's Service Stringeri, Rejolce in the Lord alway (Stringeri, Are vernin orbus (Byrd); 11:30 Vision's service, Jubliane Collegium Regale (Howells), Awe Maria (Palestring); 6:30 ES.

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COX:BATEMAN - The marriage took place quietly in Scotland, on December 3rd 1992, between Roger Lemon Cox and Rosemary Jill Bateman (nee Tourney).

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# ARTHUR STEPHENSON

Arthur Stephenson, prolific trainer of winning steeplechasers and hurdlers in the north of England, died in Bishop Auckland on December 3, aged 72. He was born on April 7, 1920.

IN A distinguished career spanning 33 years, Arthur Stephenson's most important individual success was at Cheltenham in 1987 when The Thinker captured the Gold Cup. It was also a victory charged with high

Before the scheduled start of the climax to the three-day jumping festival snow began to fall heavily. It looked odds-on that racing would be called off. But the stewards decided to postpone the start in the hope that conditions would improve for a highly competitive field which included the 1985 winner, Forgive 'N Forget, the previous season's Grand National victor, West Tip, and that favourite of the crowds, Wayward Lad, successful three times in the King George VI

Their optimism was miraculously justified as late as 4.50pm, but as the tunners made their way to the start not only was lighting up time rapidly approaching, there was also further snow in the air. Finally, to the relief of the crowd, the runners were despatched and the resulting Gold Cup can seldom have more resembled a procession of ghosts.

In the murk on the far side, however, under the shadow of Cleeve Hill, by then giving a passable imitation of the Matterhorn, one set of colours drew nearer and nearer the front. It was the orange and green of The Thinker, a true beacon in the gloom. But although in the final stages, the race was not over yet. First a blunder and then a bump all but put paid to what proved a thrilling triumph by a length and a half for the horse schooled by the trainer from Bishop Auckland.



William Arthur Stephenson came of farming stock and was a cousin of the successful Royston trainer, the late "Willie" Stephenson. Like his relative, he had a natural understanding of and skill with horses. He first rode a point to point winner at the age of 14 and two years later achieved his first riding success under Rules. Altogether he rode more than a hundred winners. combining the activity with farming the family lands in Co. Durham.

Although he held a permit to train he did not take out a full licence until relatively late in life, when he was 39. Stephenson quickly built up a sub-stantial string of winners, among them Kimmont Wullie, winner of the 1961 Scottish Grand National (a race he won again with Killone Abbey exactly 30 years later) and Rainbow Battle. who captured the Weish Grand Nat-

Despite these victories, the Grand

antiques.

National itself consistently cluded him. although he had a succession of placed horses including O'Malley Point, Hawa's Song, and The Thinker him-self (all third). He came nearest with Durham Edition, twice runner-up, and beaten only three quarters of a length after a great tussle with Mr Frisk in 1990.

Other Aintree events, nevertheles Stephenson won in profusion, includ-ing the Liverpool Fox Hunter's Chase four times (twice each with Credit Call and Sea Knight); the Topham Trophy with Rigton Prince, and, when this race was renamed the John Hughes Memorial Chase, with Villierstown. At Cheltenham, meanwhile, he had a Mackeson Gold Cup winner in Pawnbroker, and sent out Credit Call to win the Foxhunter's Chase there as well. Stephenson also believed in quantity: he saddled that gallant old performer Supermaster to win on no fewer than 34 occasions.

Victory in numbers was perhaps Stephenson's very own hallmark. In 1969-70 he became the first National Hunt trainer to achieve 100 winners in a season: a feat he performed many times over, and most recently in 1991-92 with a total of 101.

Although best known for his prolific success with jumpers, Stephenson also had important winners on the Flat. first with Forlorn River in the Nunthorpe Stakes, the July Cup and Challenge Stakes in 1967, then with Forlorn River's offspring Rapid River in the Gimerack and other important two-year-old races five seasons later.

As a personality, the ample-framed Stephenson cultivated a reticence with the Press which made him not the easiest trainer to approach for information. But there is no doubting that he had a bark rather than a bite, and was an affable enough man to those whom he knew he could trust. He leaves a widow, Nancy, a son and two

# **NUREDDIN ATASSI**

Noveddin Atassi president of Syria, 1966-70, died in Paris on December 3 aged 63. He was born in Homs in

NUREDDIN Atassi came to power in Syria as a result of a bloody coup - the 20th in less than 20 years - in 1966 and four years later was over-thrown and imprisoned for 22 years by his former ally. Lieut-Gen Hafiz al-Assad, who remains in power in Damascus. President Assad held Atassi responsible for Syria's humili-ating defeat in the Six-Day War against Israel in 1967 when Syria lost control of the

Golan Heights.

During his political career

Atassi had established himself within the pan-Arab Baathist party as a doctrinaire Marxist with extremist tendencies. With the party divided between two factions. Atassi was a leader of the "progressive" element, strongly supported by Moscow, which believed that the creation of a powerful one-party state took precedence over the requirements of Arab unity and the need for a militant stance against Israel. The opposing "nationalist" faction, led by General Assad, favoured a more pragmatic approach to internal affairs. improved relations with Syria's Arab neighbours and full participation in the campaign

against Israel Atassi took a degree in nedicine at the University of Damascus. He then established a practice there and entered politics, quickly becoming a leading member of the Baath (Resurrection) party. After the party achieved power in a 1963 coup d'état, he was appointed minister of the interior. He retained this portfolio in spite of a cabinet reshuffle until May the following year. Then, under a new

constitution which was pro-



mulgated, he became a member of the presidential council and, in September 1965, was appointed its vice-chairman.

However, in February 1966 there was another military coup, in which 41 people were officially listed as killed and 69 injured, and the regime of Brigadier Amin Hafiz was overthrown. Atassi emerged as head of state and Gen Assad as minister of defence. Atassi was, initially at least, regarded as little more than a front-man for the regime. His achievement in remaining in office for the next four years defied most predictions and was the result, primarily, of the failure of his numerous opponents, who included Haifiz al-Assad, to join forces.

As head of state, Atassi, relied heavily on support from Moscow while espousing the Baathist regime's extremist foreign policy.

Eight months after he took office in 1966, tension along Syria's border with Israel increased and was to become one of the elements that led to the war beginning on June 5, 1967. In the fighting, in spite of some stubborn resistence, the Syrian forces were outflanked and overrun and the Israelis advanced rapidly to the town of Quneitra, 40 miles

from Damascus. On June 10 Syria and Israel formally accepted the United Nations proposal for a cease-fire but Atassi's regime rejected all idea of a compromise with Israel and, alone among the Arab states, maintained its commitment to a reunified Palestine. Atassi attacked the more conservative Arab leaders, accusing them of being in league with foreign circles and showed no compunction in reopening earlier inter-Arab feuds, keeping Syria at loggerheads with Iraq and Jordan and estranged from Egypt.

Meanwhile the feud within the Baath Party in Syria

continued. By 1968, the "nationalist" faction was strong enough to gain several more cabinet seats. In 1969 Gen Assad attempted to take over the government but was fore-stalled by Soviet threats that if he did so all military and economic supplies would end. A year later, however, the factional dispute reached its climax when King Husain of Jordan acted against the Palestinian guerrillas in his country who were threatening his authority. Over the objections of General Assad, Atassi lent the Syrian Army's support to the Palestinian guerrillas, sending an armoured column to their aid. General Assad refused to provide the column with air cover and they suffered a humiliating defeat. As a consequence, in November, while Atassi was in hospital, General Assad seized power. Atassi was placed under house arrest and later transferred to the al-Mezze military prison in Damascus where he was held. without being charged or put on trial, until April this year. After suffering a heart attack he was moved to Tishrin Military Hospital and, when his condition worsened, the Damascus government allowed him to be moved, in

# JOHN PAGE-PHILLIPS

John Page-Phillips, president of the Monamental Brass Society, a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London and a well known antique dealer, died at his home at St Peter's Hall, Suffolk, on November 14 aged 62. He was born on June 17, 1930.

JOHN Page-Phillips's great interest lay in the study of church monuments, most especially monumental brasses. He was a notable writer on the subject, not only publishing articles but a widely selling umental Rrasses, 1969, and a two-volume treatise Palimosests — The Backs of Monu-mental Brasses, 1980, which is a standard work of reference on re-used brasses, and the

wealth of new material that

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has been discovered in examining the reverses of memorial brass plates. His systematic analysis has enabled the linkage of many re-used pieces, now widely dispersed, a number of which have been traced to London and other churches in England and, most interestingly, to others in the Low Countries. Some of his less known work, such as his unpublished thesis A Sixteenth Century Workshop, 1958, proved of great value to others studying the development of brasses and style and, as a consequence, the revision

of many long accepted dates. nevertheless exceeded by his impact as a generator of interest and research. His home in London became a regular meeting place for antiquaries and the notable advances in knowledge of the

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1970s and 1980s owe much to his interest, curiosity and

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ael Ward, Page-Phillips was he devoted his life to antique dealing and the study of an innovator in the manufacchurch monuments. He estabture of resin replicas of brasses lished the business of Phillips and Page in Kensington Church Street, London, and made wide-ranging contacts in the antique trade. He had a particular interest in unusual objects from unusual sources. specialising, for instance, in Ethiopian and Burmese

As president of the Monumental Brass Society he pioneered many projects concentrating on the centenary of the society in 1987. Particularly notable were the at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the consolidated reproduction of the society's Portfolio plates and his role in the production of the book The

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and, for a period, ran a brass rubbing centre. He set very high standards of quality, and a major reproduction, that of Sir Hugh Hastings (died 1347), at Elsing, Norfolk, with restoration of many parts now lost, was included in the Age of Chivalry Exhibition at the Royal Academy.

His last project, a conference in Bruges earlier this year, proved a notable example of Anglo/Flemish collaboration.

Page-Phillips will be missed interest in the initiatives of others, and his concern that the study of memorials should take its proper place in the context of medieval art as a whole. He leaves a widow, Barbara, and six children.

### PROFESSOR NORMAN DEES

Professor Norman Dees. director of extra-mural studies at the University of Glasgow, 1961-81, died on November 11 aged 76. He was born on April 7, 1916

IT WAS peculiarly appropriate that Norman Dees should die on Remembrance Day. Light Infantry and his capture in the North Africa Campaign in the second world war were powerful influences on his thinking about international politics and social development, and he was set on his organising courses of study for fellow prisoners of war.

A graduate of Manchester University, Norman Dees worked with the Manchester Extra-Mural Department as warden of Holly Royde residential adult centre for a year. In 1947 he joined King's College, Durham (later part of dent tutor for Cumberland and Westmoreland, based in Penrith.

Later he became deputy director of extra-mural studies at Newcastle, and for his last twenty years of working life

career by the experience of was director of extra-mural studies at Glasgow.

Dees prided himself on

November, to Paris.

teaching without a note. He pioneered a number of adult education programmes, such as an access programme for mature students in 1979 (the first in Scotland), trade union studies and training for the juvenile justice system.

teaching of Adult Education as an academic discipline and published two books in the

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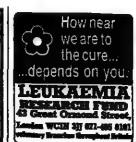
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RUSSIA IN EUROPE ON THIS DAY The Russians have now been in eastern Europe for over four years. The Red Army still stands where it stopped in 1945 in eastern Germany and Austria.

in Poland, Hungary, and Rumania, along the Danube and the Elbe. Taking advantage of this historic opportunity the Soviet Government has imposed Extracts from the day's leading article indicate the depth of mistrust felt over Soviet plans in Earope, less than five years after the end of the war. unon all the countries of eastern Europe except Finland a profound and rigid revolution which is still continuing and is clearly designed to make them wholly subservient to, and almost inseparable from, the Soviet Union itself. Indeed the

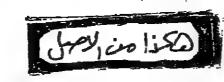
which afflict all tyrants may have driven the Soviet leaders farther than they meant to go. The "example of the Soviet Union" must be followed in everything from the

planning of industry to the laying of bricks. Railway engines driven in a Soviet manner run faster and arrive at their destinations hours before they are due. Adulation of Stalin has reached a point where it must surely sicken the most ardent supporter, and it is difficult to believe that factory workers in

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Rumania are really overjoyed when they find that they have to increase produc-tion by 10 per cent as a birthday present to the "great genius, our teacher, liberator and well-tried friend of the Rumanian nation"...

Some of them, no doubt, accept this position willingly enough in the blind faith that in the end a new society will have been created and another generation will be able to reap what they have sown. How long the Soviet Government will be able to enforce its will and exact obedience under these conditions must be a matter of speculation, but it would not be surprising if it came to the conclusion that only complete incorporation in the Soviet Union could give it the absolute security for which it craves. In the meantime it is terrible to contemplate how many men and women must suffer for what is bound to remain an illusion. Whatever the end may be, it is already plain, after only four years, that if ever the Russian tide recedes it will have left an indelible mark on the Continent of Europe.



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# NEWS

#### insurers battle over bombs cover

In the face of the most sustained IRA campaign since the seventies, British insurers were trying last night to meld together a package to press the government into underwriting the costs of mainland bombings.

The decision of large foreign reinsurers to cease offering cover from next year for claims arising from terrorism in the United Kingdom has panicked the industry. Downing Street officials says the government wants a commercial solution and is determined to resist the pressure .....

#### Prince backs French farmers

The Prince of Wales ignoring both government and his compatriots by offering philosophical support to French farmers in Paris as he accepted a French honour Pages 1,7,10

#### Summit "hit-list"

The British presidency of the European Community will present the Edinburgh summit with a list of EC laws it says should be scrapped. It is the clearest attack yet on the Brussels' powers and throws light on the obscure subject of "sub-.. Page 10 sidiarity .....

#### Help for patients

Patients will be entitled to prompt help with changing their doctor and a rapid response to complaints under new standards for general practitioner services announced yesterday ...... Page 2

#### Castle fire report

The fire that ravaged Windsor Castle two weeks ago was probably caused by a spotlight accidentally overheating a curtain in the private chapel. The official report concludes that no individual was to blame ...... Page 3

#### Bomb injures 19

Nineteen white people were hurt

Queenstown in the Eastern Cape. South Africa's police chief said his men "will meet fire with

#### Aliysa appeal fails

Administrators will need no reminding that sport is not above the law. But they may sleep more easily after the failure of the Aga Khan's appeal court challenge to the Jockey Club's disqualifica-tion of his 1989 Oaks winner,

#### Yeitsin condemned

President Boris Yeltsin barried to save his reforms from the ravages of the conservative Congress of People's deputies after the assembly strongly condemned his government's record and demanded fundamental policy changes... \_\_ Page 11

#### Coalition delay

A new Irish government may not be formed until after Christmas, said Bertie Ahern, who continues as finance minister pending 

## Helping phobics unbutton their fears

There is no fear so compelling as that of the unexplained, says Phobia Awareness week's organiser. One woman is so terrified of buttons she has had them replaced by Velcro on her clothes. A retired post office worker has a fear of bagpipes. "If I hear 'Mull of Kintyre', I go to pieces," she said ....... Page 6



Pakistani soldiers of the UN humanitarian group in Somalia awaiting the arrival of American troops at Mogadishn airport. Pages 1, 9

Amstrad: Alan Sugar, founder of the Amstrad consumer electronics group, said plans to take the company private could falter. The success of his bid depends on the number of shareholders at Thurday's meeting ........... Page 17 Markets: Sterling ended the week nearly 9pf higher at DM2.4870 amid slim signs of improved economic activity and as investors fought shy of currencies in the

#### **学学**教会。1157年 Cricket: England has put forward a E5 million bid for the 1995 World Cup, but it may not be accepted by the International Cricket

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gawa's production of The Tempest, now at the Barbican, is played in Japanese and uses elements of Noh. theatre in its staging. But Benedict Nightingale praises it as "closer to the heart of Shakespeare's most forgiving play" than many an English theatre company could ...Weekend, Page 14

Elvis lives: Cynthia Rose visits Athens. Georgia, to discover that the King is alive and well in the work of artists he inspires, from a roadshow to carrier bags .... Review, Page 26

Hot Ice The American rapper, Ice Cube, has a new album out. Antiwomen, anti-gays, foul-mouthed: strange ingredients for success, yet The Predator has shot straight to the top of the American pop chart. Reviews of other new record releases include a big compilation of Louis Armstrong in his All Stars prime, and discs of romantic orchestral music.... Weekend, Page 14

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The British government is being sucked into three distant conflicts at the behest of American (and some British) public opinion. It must Page 20

#### ANNE MCELVOY

Set-piece power struggles are built into the fabric of Russian history...Unlike the revolutionaries of 1917 however, Mr Yeltsin does not have the option of ruthlessly violent methods followed by administrative repression to ensure that his vision of Russia holds sway. Such is the price of democracy ..... Page 20

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#### Henry James: Caroline Moore admires an excellent biography of the man who wrote Portrait of a Lady, The Aspern Papers and The Bost-

onians..... .... Pages 52-53 Dean Martin: Stripping away the Hollywood glitz, Nick Tosches's Dino: Living High in the Dirty Business of Dreams shows how Martin has survived bankruptcy, addiction, only to withdraw into a

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#### Weekend pick

Terence Rattigan virtually disowned After the Dance when the play was ill received by critics and public in 1939, and it has apparently not been performed since. Stuart Burge's production does full justice to a bleak and tragic piece ...... Weekend, Pages 16,17

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Hollywood witchhunt: David Robinson reopens the FBI file on Charlie Chaplin, and exposes the untold story of J Edgar Hoover's personal vendenta to bound into exile the world's top comedian ...... Page 6 Treasure chest Samantha Fox made millions from her five years as a Page Three girl. She talks to Sally Brampton about life after getting dressed ..... Sheer magic See-through chiffon, deverly arranged sequins... this season's party looks are artfully alhiring, Iain R Webb says Page 30

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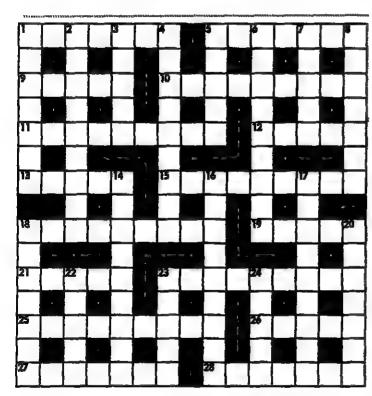
the Church of England General Synod is subjected to our readers' anaivsis . Page 13

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American troops are rightly being sent to strife-torn Somalia to insure that food reaches millions of starving people. But instead of doing it right, President Bush seems bent on doing it quickly The Washington Post

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- Vessel supplied with scurvy pro-phylactic, that's great! (7). 5 Slaver bringing back blackbird
- 9 Soldiers cook in this part of America (5). 10 Appropriate children argue the
- 11 A hundred and fifty English scholars feast in February (9).
- 12 Ancient letter, a survival from ogam, maybe (5). 13 Unsteady, or firm and unyielding (5).
- 15 The racing game? (9). 18 One team entered in the race finally scratched, bewildered (9). 19 Discard most of bark (5).
- 21 Rope, see, has caught the animal 23 Insect bearing, 'tis said, supreme happiness (9). 25 Water-clock in dry places going
- wrong (9). 26 Old man mostly responsible for 22 Bouquet delivered to an audience
- faux pas (5). 27 Fruit with an outer covering
- might be called bananas (7).

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28 In the end, former member boards plane, perhaps (7).

- Upset, hurried one's cocktail (7). 2 Take part in two sports by turns
- (3,3,3)."This is perfect," thought the student (5).
- Site meant for redevelopment as a café (9). 5 Nobles used to fight (5).
- 6 Setting agent in sort of sailing ship (9). 7 Slattern with a broom (5). 8 Graceful poem unfinished by
- worker (7). 14 Allow eyes to wander in the main 16 On one's toes in broad-brimmed
- hat (4-5). 17 Cut top off frill, causing a commotion (9).
- 18 Bird out of place? In place (7). 20 Quiety withdraw herald (7).
- 23 Move sprout up, say (5).
- 24 Pig entered, switching places (5).

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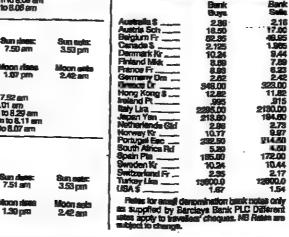
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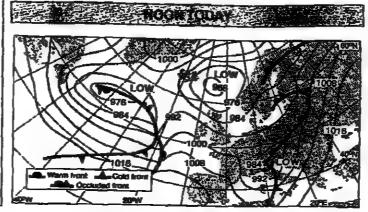
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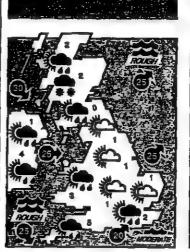
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Banks should limit guarantees for loans made by parents, SDOUSES OF business parmers Page 23

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The Inland Revenue has ways of controlling the black economy by estimating likely income from tips and other perks

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RESERVICES.

# Sugar urges investors to cast votes

By Colin Campbell

ALAN Sugar, founder of Amstrad, last night said that his plan to take the computer group private was not a foregone conclusion.

Realisation of his ambition to buyout, at 30p a share, the 65 per cent of Amstrad he does not own depends on the number of shareholders (in person or by proxy) voting at a critical shareholders' meeting on Thursday.

Every person and every share counts. Mr Sugar needs a simple majority of non-Sugar shareholders and 75 per cent of non-Sugar votes to win the day. "If shareholders do not vote...then they will get no dosh," Mr Sugar said.

cautiously upbeat message on the economy yesterday after a

week when sterling enjoyed

new-fourid favour with inves-

Interviewed on BBC Radio,

Stephen Dorrell, financial sec-

retary to the Treasury, said: "I

think there is very clear evi-

dence, not that there's a full-

blown recovery under way -

we all know that's not true -

but that confidence is im-

proving and all the indepen-

dent analysts now not only

say, but are backing their

words with money, that they

expect a gentle recovery to take

Such cautious optimism was

one element in sterling's new

popularity. The pound started

the week at about DM2.40.

rising rapidly to close nearty

nine pfennigs higher at DM2.4870 yesterday.

A week of glimmers of

renewed activity in the govern-

ment's economic statistics was

rounded off by a 6 per cent rise

in new car registrations in

November against the same period last year, suggesting consumers are beginning to respond to lower interest rates

and the abolition of car tax in

Such straws in the wind

triggered the return of inves-

tors who had bailed out of the

pound after its exit from the

ERM in September. Norman

Lamont, the Chancellor, told

The Wall Street Journal that

the pound had fallen far

enough and any further de-

clines would compromise Brit-

ain's fight to control inflation.

Of even more significance

the Autumn Statement.

root next year."

exchange-rate mechanism.

tled currencies in the

Alan Sugar's controversial plan to take Amstrad private is on a knife-edge. As the chairman says "If shareholders do not vote... then they will get no dosh"

proxy numbers lodged with its registrars by the close of business on Thursday show that the number of shareholders wanting Mr Sugar's 30p offer, and the number of shares they represent, are short of the statutory requirements. Amstrad has 31,469 shareholders on its share register, but by Thursday only 9,443 had voted.

Mr Sugar said: "There are 22,000 shareholders out there who have not voted, and who

evidence mounts of recession

in Germany. Yesterday, the

economics ministry an-

nounced another fall in west

eighth consecutive monthly

The mark's troubles took

some pressure off the ERM.

The franc recovered a little,

helped by a joint statement

after this week's Franco-Ger-

man summit that the ERM

was "decisive for stability and

prosperity". The franc closed

at 3.3970 to the mark, having

been above 3.4100 earlier in

Other British economic sta-

tistics published yesterday of-

fered slim grounds for

optimism. There was a 2 per

cent rise in the number of

houses built in October com-

pared with September but,

taking the last three months

together, the number of hous-

ing starts are still down 94 per

indicators for October were a

mixed bag for those looking

for clear signs of recovery. Although the longer leading

index, which points to activity

11 months ahead, rose 1.3 per

cent, the shorter leading index

suggesting what might happen in four months — fell.

US unemployment fell to

7.2 per cent in November

from 7.4 per cent in October.

providing more evidence a

genuine recovery may now be

under way. Non-farm payroll

jobs rose 105,000 last month

compared with a revised in-

crease of 34,000 in October.

The government's cyclical

cent on last year.

the week.

**Cautious optimism** 

at Treasury adds

to sterling appeal

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE government delivered a for the pound yesterday was cautiously upbeat message on the mark's vulnerability as

They might well be assuming, also wrongly, that they do not have to do anything, and that their cheque will come in the post. They need to be shocked, else they will wake up on Friday morning and the reali-ty will hit them that no cheque is coming."

Mr Sugar is not permitted under the scheme of arrangement through which he plans to take Amstrad private to vote his shares on his own proposal. Amstrad has an issued capital of 581 million shares, of which Mr Sugar's holding is 205 million. It is the majority of non-Sugar shareholders and non-Sugar

shareholdings that will deter-

mine the outcome at Thurs-The proxy count shows that by Thursday night, 3,932 shareholders had voted for the 30p offer, and 5.511 against. The number of shares represented was 34.1 million for,

those totals. Mr Sugar's plan would be thrown out. Gideon Fiegel of the Amstrad Shareholders Club opposed to Mr Sugar's plan vesterday lods representing more than 1

and 32.8 million against. On

million shares with Amstrad. Mr Sugar re-affirmed that if the vote went against him on Thursday he "would not do anything spiteful or disrup-tive". He said: "Up till now, I have worked for the best



Sugar: shock treatment

interests of the company, and I made the 30p offer in what I believe to be the best interests of all shareholders. If the vote goes against me, I will have to think about putting myself first. I would have to consider my position. I would take a dignified position."

Thursday's meeting will be The Insurance Hall, Aldermanbury, London, whose Great Hall holds 320. If all 31,469 Amstrad shareholders turn up, alternative arrangements will have to be Jobs gloom deepens, page 18 made. Amstrad said.



# **Brewer lifts** dividend on £35m profit

By MARTIN WALLER

DAVID Thompson, managing director of Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries and a sensoned observer of the brewing scene, has served up a gloomy forecast of falling beer consumption for the next three years. Any upturn thereafter is

seen as shared by imports. Pre-tax profits rose from £33 million to £35.2 million in the year to end-September. A better-than-expected 7.1p final dividend, bringing the total to 11.4p from 10.3p, lifted the shares 9p to 535p.

The company is forecasting another 3 per cent off national beer volumes next year, and Mr Thompson does not expect any upturn until 1996 when rising personal incomes should boost the market. Even then, "the UK market is poing to lose quite a lot as a result of imports from France".

The outlook for Wolverhampton in 1993, therefore, was bleak, with fewer opportunities to raise margins through cost-cutting or higher prices. Demand had fallen steadily since the recession started in some of its pubs as customers felt the squeeze on spending.

"We would remain very cautious," said Mr Thompson. "There are a lot of young people who are unemployed and on benefit. If you are working class and unemployed, you are very hard up."

for the first time on Monday

evening, features a young Spanish boy enviously strok-

ing the bonnet of a sleek

Jaguar XJ6 and dreaming of

the day when he, too, might

own one. The television adver-

tising will spearhead a bar-

rage of commercials and

events designed to promote

# Abbey sells unclaimed shares

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

since the bank converted from a building society in 1989. It is to give £5 million of the proceeds to charity and pocket

the other £98 million. The shares were bought by Warburgs and Kleinwort Benson at 356p and then placed with institutions at 360p. When the Abbey floated in 1989, 5.6 million qualifying members were offered 100 free shares in the bank, but

ABBEY National sold 28.9 despite a long series of letters and 95,000 have received 100 million shares yesterday that inviting them to apply, several shares, plus net dividends. A round to it, and under the terms of the conversion the bank was allowed to sell the

> The 295,000 or so members who have not claimed can still do so at any time over the next six years. In the summer Abbey sent letters to 390,000 people it thought was eligible, and placed advertisements in newspapers. Since then 165,000 have made claims

iew are suu dein Those who now make a claim will receive £356 plus dividends, net of tax.

Abbey National Charitable Trust will use the £5 million to make donations to a range of charities, including those for the homeless and giving debt advice.

The bank now has to decide how the £98 million will appear on its profit and loss

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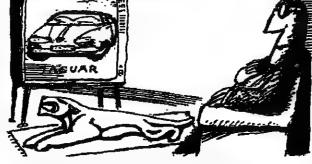
# Jaguar proves it has not lost its teeth

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE end of the recession pulls up in our living rooms next week in the shape of six fuel-injected cylinders of polished, purring, chrome-andsteel British workmanship at its best. Jaguar, the luxury car maker which is now American owned, is cashing in on a surge in sales across the Atlantic with a bumper Christmas television advertis-

ing campaign. In America, where the Jaguar emblem inspires images of Harrods, Barbour jackets and tea at the Ritz, the sleek saloons have suddenly be-come affordable as well as

fashionable. Thanks to the weaker pound would be country gents can now pick up a top-of-the-range Jaguar Vanden Plas sedan for \$57,750. In



models that Jaguar is keeping employees at its plants at Browns Lane, Coventry, and Castle Bromwich, West Midlands, working five instead of four days a week during December, enough to produce an extra 300 cars. As its sister company, Ford

UK, puts thousands of staff

recession be far away? Jaguar's former employees might see it a little differently. More than 5,200 jobs have been cut since Ford bought the com-pany for £1.6 billion in 1989. The American workforce was cut by 10 per cent last month and a further 200 UK jobs are

to go by the spring.
Almost 12 years have gone by since the Big Cat last stalked British television

the new 1993 model range. Other elements in a massive promotional package in-clude a worldwide golf competition, clay pigeon shooting concerts and theatrical events, tours of French wine growing areas, antique roadshows and fashion evenings. To round it off, 50,000 potential buyers will receive a copy of the Jaguar owner's handbook and be offered a

test drive. Those who respond quickly enough will get to ride along-side a Jaguar racing team driver in the new flagship XJ220, the world's fastest

on short-time working Jaguar is going to the other extreme. If a huxury car maker can British showrooms, a similar afford to do that in these screens. The £2 million commodel sells for about £40,000. bleak times, can the end of the mercial, which will be shown Such is the demand for new

John Menzies to close

Early Learning in US

SHARES in John Menzies, the Edinburgh newspaper retailer and wholesaler, jumped 13p to 459p on news that the company had abandoned plans to sell its troubled Early Learning Centres operation in America and instead decided

The group wrote off £15.2 million in 1990 for restructuring the business, seen in the City as an unwise

diversification, and took a further £7 million provision earlier

this year. Menzies said talks with potential buyers had not

been successful, and all viable options had been exhausted.

The closure of the American operation, at a cost that would be

fully covered by existing provisions, would come immediately after the Christmas trading period. Kimlan Cook, retail analyst at County NatWest, said the share price rise in thin trading was the result of the market's "welcome relief" that the situation had been resolved.

THE board of British Airways met yesterday to consider the purchase of a large minority stake in Qantas, the state-owned Australian airline, which the Australian government has

earmarked for privatisation. A spokesman for BA said that no

decision was reached, but that the company will make up its

mind by Wednesday, the deadline set by the Australian

government. BA is among three companies to have expressed an interest, the others being Singapore Airlines and Air New Zealand. Earlier this week, Roger Maynard, BA's director of corporate strategy, said that BA would put together a consortium of companies to bid for a 49 per cent stake.

GUY Warwick, a Nottinghamshire-based supplier of trousers to high street chains including C&A and Top Shop, has been placed in receivership. Touche Ross is urgently seeking a buyer for the company, that blames its financial difficulties on a sudden fall in post-Christmas orders. The town of Bilsthorpe, home to nearly ball the 242 jobs threatened by the closure, is the site of one of the coal pits earmarked for possible closure by British Coal, and many of the minars.

possible closure by British Coal, and many of the miners'

wives are employed by Guy Warwick. There are fears that any subsequent pit closure could result in virtual 100 per cent

Nu-Swift passes payout

NU-SWIFT, the fire protection, office cleaning and property group, has passed its interim dividend (10p) after pre-tax profits fell from £11.3 million to £2.5 million in the six

months to end-June. Operating profits nearly doubled to

£11.2 million (£6 million) but property and exchange losses. with a leap in interest charges, dragged down the results. An interest in London Securities has been written off, resulting in a loss of £2.7 million. Nu-Swift paid out £4.2 million in

interest (£5.7 million receipts) and exchange losses on foreign currencies were £1.2 million. Earnings per share were 5.09p

Opec output 'easing'

Receivers called in

BA meets over Qantas

# Barclays plans for £200m provision over Imry exposure

BARCLAYS is planning to make a £200 million provision against its lending to Imry, the troubled private property group, one of the largest had

The bank is expected to reveal the provision in a special Stock Exchange announcement before Christmas. It has a £440 million exposure to Imry and is working closely with the company to ensure it stays afloat.

The City has been con-cerned about the size of Bardays' exposure to Imry for wants to make an announcement to remove fears that the provision will be even larger.

A spokesman for the bank

Barclays, Britain's biggest bank, will be obliged to make record provisions of more than £2 billion against bad debts this year and may be forced to cut its dividend

said reports of the provision and the forthcoming announcement were speculative and refused to comment on them. In 1990, however, the bank made a similar statement after the collapse of British & Commonwealth, the financial services group, when it made a £98 million

The Imry provision will be the largest single element in record bad debt figures. Analysts expect the bank to make provisions of more than £2 billion on its lending. These,

Alan Hargreaves, of Hoare

Govett Asia, said the rebound was merely technical after the market's 8 per cent loss on Thursday. John Mulcahy, of Peregrine Brokerage, said that

Hong Kong's political risk would be high in the minds of

local and foreign investors.

"The time hasn't come to pile in on the assumption that we

Investors are relieved that

Britain and China will be

meeting on Tuesday to at-

deadlock, but Anthony Gals-

worthy. British team leader of

the joint liaison group, has

refused to promise any posi-

Meanwhile, Douglas Hurd. the foreign minister, has stressed London's full backing

for Chris Patten, Hong Kong

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Hong Kong ends

its losing streak

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

sharply yesterday

after four days' heavy losses.

The Hang Seng index gained 290 points, or 5.8 per cent, to close at 5,268 on a turnover of

Bargain hunters pushed up prices in early trading after

sharp gains made by Hong

Kong shares in London over-

night. But the index fell back

in the afternoon as political

uncertainties swept the stock

Hang Seng index futures

closed at a discount after

trading at a big premium.

showing that sentiment even-

The raily was helped by the fact that while there was no

solution to the dispute be-

tween Britain and China over

the colony's political reforms,

there had been no bad news

either. Peking has issued no

further threat to retaliate

against British plans for Hong Kong democracy. But analysis

tually turned sour.

HK\$5.4 billion.

they forecast, could plunge the bank into losses of up to £100 million and force it to cut its

Reports of the provision against the Imry loans appear Banker, along with an exclusive interview of Sir John Quinton, the outgoing chairman of Barcalys.

In the interview, he admits

there was a breakdown in communication between the bank's head office and its regions in the late eighties. That led to a boom in com-mercial property loans even though the bank tried to impose a cap on the lending as

early as 1988. Sir John said: "We said that property lending had reached a certain point and that is where it has got to stop... but in practice, there was a good deal of property lending done within that cap." The bank's property loan book grew from £2.1 billion at the end of 1987 recovery will last. Most expect the index to fall below 5,000 to £5.4 billion in 1991.

"We have been caught out by a number of lendings that were made in the 1988-9 era which, with hindsight, we should not have made. I think we could have been sterner in those days," he added.

Sir John said the bank had tried to improve internal communication but that lending policy was hampered by strong autonomy in the regions and local branches.

Sir John said the bank was trying to "pick itself up and dust itself off" after the recession, and that one of his chief regrets was that he did not forecast the recession. But he claims he would have needed a great deal of foresight to see it coming.
Sir John stepped down as

chief executive last summer and plans to retire as chairman at the end of the year. In the interview, he suggests he was disappointed that the board did not have a wider choice of possible successors. Andrew Buxton, his replacement, is a member of one of

the bank's founding families, but Sir John said he doubted that Mr Buxton's successor would also come from a bank family. He also suggested that Barclays would begin to look outside the bank for a new chairman if there are no suitable internal candidiates.



# KIO's Spanish group goes into voluntary liquidation

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

MAHMOUD Al Nourl, the new president of the Kuwait Investment Office in London. announced yesterday in Madrid the suspension of payments, or voluntary liqui-dation, of the KIO's troubled Torras group, in Spain. Torras, which employs 30,000 people, owes 100 billion pese-tas (£568 million), mostly to the KIO.

Jose Maria Stampa Braun, a law firm, is preparing legal action on behalf of the KIO against Javier de la Rosa, 45, Spain until he resigned this summer. Several prominent Kuwaitis, some believed to be members of the royal family. are also cited for alleged irregularities discovered by new KIO directors in connec-

tion with the management of Torras. Señor de la Rosa built up the group by acquiring Torras, Spain's most important paper pulp manufactur-er, Ebro, its biggest sugar and rice producer, Ercros, the biggest chemicals and fertilizer company and Prima.

a large property company.
The KIO appointed Señor de la Rosa, then an unproven bunker, in 1984 and has since invested about Pra 500 billion in Spain, some 5 per cent of its worldwide petrodollar

Torras appeared to prosper but it has since been alleged that Sellor de la Rosa and him Kuwaiti partners bought ailing companies and then publicised massive expansion plans for them. It is also

alleged that they sold the shares at inflated prices and made huge profits offshore. Last year. Señor de la Rosa

claimed that the group had sales of Pta250 billion and assets of Pta 700 billion, and declared a Pta 2.8 billion profit for 1991. An audit turned this into a Pta 37 billion loss and the true figure could be-

When the Kuwaiti government decided to cash in its investments to pay for rebuilding the country after the discovered the alleged improprieties in Spain.

Last month, Salomon Brothers, the American investment bank, told the KIO that it was not legally obliged to keep Torras going.

THE Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has appeared to ease the rise in output that has been blamed for the fall in oil prices, says the International Energy Agency.
The IEA also upheld its forecast of strong demand for Opec oil and industry stocks in the crucial January-March quarter. The latest 1EA monthly report revised down its estimate of Opec output for October by 100,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 25.2 million bpd and said output seemed to stabilise at that level in November. The IEA narrowly upgraded its forecast of likely demand for crude from Opec and oil company stocks in the winter quarter by 200,000 bpd to 26.8 million bpd.

# **Cutback clips Dobson**

STEPS to cut more than 400 jobs at Dobson Park Industries, the industrial electronics and mining equipment group, left it nursing pre-tax profits of £10.3 million (£13.1 million) in the 53 weeks to October 3. The number of employees fell from 4,043 to 3,615 over the course of the year, resulting in reorganisation costs of £2.8 million (£2.5 million). Alan Kaye, chairman, said: "The difficult trading conditions experienced by all divisions intensified during the year as other European economies moved into recession. Earnings were 5.52p (7.05p) a share. A maintained 3.85p final leaves the total dividend at 5.75p. The shares eased 4p to 58p.

# VTech falls at half time

VTECH Holdings, the electronics, computers and telecommunications group that is based in Hong Kong and came to the market in October, saw pre-tax profits fall to US\$11.2 million (US\$20.6 million) in the six months to end-September. Turnover advanced to US\$294.5 million (US\$286.2 million). Earnings decreased to 5.1 cents (12.2 cents) a share. There is a 1 cent (3 cents) interim dividend. Price protection claims in the American personal computer market resulted in operating losses. Outside America, personal computer sales rose 56 per cent. Sales of satellite television receivers to Germany fell 20 per cent.

# Coal contracts 'should not prejudice' review

MICHAEL Heseltine, trade secretary, issued a veiled warning to the electricity industry yesterday, urging the genera-tors and distribution companies to make sure their coal contracts "do not prejudice" the outcome of the government's review of the coal industry. In reply to a parliamentary

question on the coal contract negotiations from Matthew Carrington, Conservative MP for Fulham, Mr Heseltine said he had written to Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal, the two electricity generators and the 12 supply companies in England and Wales, to make this clear. The government's review is

investigating the case for the planned closure of 21 pits and prospects for Britain's coal In the letter to Mr Clarke,

Mr Heseltine stated that given

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deep concern about the outcome of the review, he hoped try would lead to agreed arrangements that would "ensure a sound and stable basis for the British coal industry and the electricity supply in-dustry to plan their business at least for 1993-4".



# By Patricia Tehan

Cammell Laird shipyard.

# Job losses grow by another 1,100 processing equipment, is to close its Rochester plant with the loss of more than control costs. It is a question of good

THE loss of another 1,100 jobs yesterday took to 20.820 the number of people to be told this week that their jobs will go. That included 16,200 at the Post Office: 1,300 at Royal Ordnance; 200 at Lloyd's of London; and 900 with the closure of the

More gloomy news is expected next week, with Ford poised to announce 3,000 job cuts. Britain's fourth largest building society, Alliance & Leicester, revealed plans to axe 400 jobs over the next one to two years. They will be shed at its two administrative centres, at Oadby. near Leicester, and at Hove, East Sussex. APV, which makes food and drink 200 jobs and Blockleys, the brick maker, is to shed 40 staff after a decision to cut production levels.

The building society shed 85 jobs at the two centres in March, and more losses are expected once the society has finished a review of staffing numbers in its branch network next year. Alliance & Leioester said it hopes to achieve the reductions through voluntary redundancy, natural wastage and cutting back temporary and casual posts. It said it does not plan to close branches. Peter White, group chief executive, said: "I greatly regret having to take this step but, like other financial organisations it is essential for us to closely

housekeeping and efficiency." APV said there would be "a small number" of opportunities for redeployment within the group for the 233 staff. The company has sites at Crawley, Dartford, Eastbourne, Grimsby, Leeds,

Newcastle upon Tyne, Peterborough, Stoke-on-Trent, and East Kilbride. Ninety jobs, including 70 redundancies, are also to go at Paxman Diesels in Colchester, Essex, over the next three

Meanwhile, Renault Truck Industries, of Dunstable, said yesterday that a restructuring will cut by more than half the number of its employees over the next 18 months as 280 jobs are shed.

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# Flat outlook at Wolves & Dudley

DAVID Thompson at Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries was in unusually downbeat mood yesterday. Not normally short of ideas on how the brewing industry should arrange its affairs. Mr Thompson was forced to idmit that the purchase of Camerons a year ago, the company's biggest corporate move, had not been as suc-cessful as hoped. Camerons, bought from Brent Walker for a remark-

ably cheap £20.5 million, will come good in the end but is still running on trading margins of just 2.4 per cent, and the expected dilution of Wolves & Dudley's earnings in 1991-2 will now extend into the present year.

In the year to end-September, the group pushed taxable pre-property profits up from £32.7 million to £34.6

million, but the £1.9 million difference equalled income from acquisitions, primarily Cameron, added to the nonrepeating exceptional cost. Wolves & Dudley's problems, despite its excellent

management, are largely de-

mographic and centre on its

position in the Midlands

by a clutch of 60 or 70 pubs on sink housing estates, less than 10 per cent of the total pubs owned, which are exceptionally vulnerable to the The market was kept sweet by an unexpected 10.7 per

cent rise in total dividends, although this slimmed cover from 3.5 to 3.3 times, and pushed up the shares by 9p to 535p. Pre-tax profits this year will have to motor to exceed £37 million, putting the shares on a multiple of about 13.5p. The shares have tumbled from their high of 653p in May as doubts over Cameron have grown but they cannot be expected to outperform in the near term.

Evode

THE cat and mouse takeover game between Wassall and Evode Group is now well

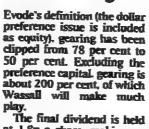
under way. Wassall's 80p a share cash offer is formally on the table. Evode's defence document and audited preliminary figures for the year ended October 3 have just been



Simon: battling well

served. Evode's 1992 pre-tax profits progression in the 53 weeks ended October 3 from £7.3 million to £10.2 million — and the advance at the operating level in profits from continuing operations from £11.8 million to £14.3 million, suggest Evode is battling well against the re-cession that has hit both

sides of the Atlantic. Net borrowings have been cut from \$46.1 million to £28.5 million, and on



at 1.8p a share, making an unchanged 3.58p, though this is not covered by report-ed basic earnings of 3.2p a

The thrust of Evode's defence is that strareholders should not, for a mere 80p, surrender at this point the opportunity of the rewards that are coming their way as their group makes further

Pre-tax profits this year could edge up to £12.5 mil-lion, analysts suggest. On present evidence from

Evode, run by Andrew Simon, and with its share price at 91p. there is no reason to accept 80p from Wassall. Should Wassall come back with a higher offer, then Evode shareholders will have to think again. Meanwhile,

# BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities had a quieter day, with most stocks ending little changed. after Wednesday's auction and Thursday's hectic followup. "It's been a quiet end to a fairly frenetic week in the gilts market," Simon Thorp, head of gilt trading at County NatWest, said.

Stocks opened higher on the back of sterling's renewed strength, but prices fell back

towards their opening levels after sterling slipped back. American economic statistics failed to provide any stimulus. The domestic market did not find any encouragement from Europe as German and French bond markets dipped. The gilt future ended two ticks firmer at £9917/32, as volume for March reached

23,000 contracts.

way business and some profit taking, with shorts ending a few ticks higher while longs finished with losses of a few ticks. Dealers expect shorts to continue to do well on the back of anticipated rate cuts in Europe. Exchequer 94 per cent 1998 firmed two ticks to £1093/32, while at the longer end Treasury 9 per cent 2012 gave up early gains to finish

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# **BUSINESS PROFILE: Tom Peters**

# Millionaire marketing guru who reigns supreme

Carol Leonard finds that America's

highly paid business observer

is an unexpectedly modest man

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was in town. It arrives in London once every three or four months, so that the American marketing guru, as he is traditionally styled, can give lucrative lectures - charging \$55,000 an hour - or promote his latest

On this occasion. Peters has crossed the Atlantic with the latter aim in mind. His coterie of public relations advisers have been mas-terminding the British launch of his new tome, Liberation Manage ment: Necessary Disorganisation for the Nanosecond Nineties.

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Peters co-operates with them fully. He knows only too well from whence his next dollar comes. This, after all, is his third major literary work. The first, In Search of Excellence, published almost ten years ago, has gone down in history years ago, has gone down in history as the biggest selling management title ever. It turned Peters into a millionare from royalties alone.

The second, which hit the bookshops in 1989, was enti-tled Thriving on Chaos, and contradicted much of what had gone before. As his critics were quick to point out, the second book was necessary

because so many of the companies cited in the first book as "examples of excellence" had since fallen by the wayside. "Flexibility", according to Peters, was now the key management word.

Those same critics remain silent, however, when it comes to examining the management — or rather marketing - of Tom Peters himself. Even they are forced to admit that it is excellence in action. The Eighties have come and gone, the Nineties are well under way, and still Peters reigns supreme.

Newspaper reports abound of his style in the lecture hall. Of the way he roams around the audience, wearing a tweed jacket rather than a suit, speaking without notes for an entire day. Of the fees he is able to charge, averaging about £700 a head, with companies such as British Gas, Royal Mail, IBM, ICI and Shell happy to pay such sums so that their executives can hear first-hand what Peters has to say. As

he Tom Peters roadshow with anything that appears to be so effortless, however, the prepara-tions behind the scenes are exact-ing. His arrival in London to promote Liberation Management was, for example, heralded about six weeks before, with public rela-tions assistants offering half-hour interview slots to every relevant interview slots to every relevant

> A request from The Times for a full hour was greeted with a gasp down the telephone line, hurried consultation and then, with illdisguised reluctance agreement.
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> The suites of rooms in the Park Lane Hotel had been booked, one as a service station for attendant flunkies, from which to ply Peters and his successive visitors with refreshments, and another in which the interviews could be conducted. Notice boards erected

way on to the fourth floor, scut-tling back into the lift. You begin to sense that here needs to be cosseted and cared for like no other. Whose every ut-terance should be

written down and then analysed in case it contains a deeper meaning. It must be similar to the build-up given before a tabloid newspaper interview with, say, Billy Graham, Michael Jackson or Ivana Trump. This may be London's Piccadilly. but this is nevertheless the magnificant American marketing machine in full swing.

The door to the interview room is flung open and you brace yourself for that first encounter. There, carefully positioned in the middle of a sofa, with an armchair either side, sits the unexpected figure of Peters. He is alone and looks entirely out of place. The tweed jacket is as described, but there are also scuffed, thick-soled, brown shoes, standard-issue grey flannel trousers and a tie. Peters says that the tie means that he has made an effort. "When in Rome, and all that ..." At home, he lives in sweat-suits. in his office he teams a sweat shirt with denim jeans instead. Peters.



Fresh focus: Tom Peters agrees to let The Times take a new shot at presenting his image

"Ninety per cent of it is in real

estate," he says. He means in the two houses in which he lives. "I don't have any financial planning

at all and stocks and shares have

never interested me. I wouldn't

even know how to go about it. After

the first book was written, my wife

and I bought a very nice house in

California. Then we got turned on

by Vermont. We bought 1,300

acres, but lest that sound like an

estate, a lot of it is straight up, on a

mountain. When we tried to find

who has just turned 50, clearly has no problem with his naturally scruffy, relaxed appearance. He agrees that, left to his own devices, he looks very different to the person depicted in the carefully styled publicity photograph which has been supplied on demand, without

variation, for the past three years. He is compliant, however, when asked to pose for a new shot. As The Times photographer positions him in an upright chair, with a copy of the newspaper in his hands, Peters remarks that he is happy to be photographed reading any page "except the stock price page — I only buy stock in one company, and that's my own." An extraordinary statement from a man who is so sought after to advise others on how to govern their corporate affairs. At

the heart of any company is, after all, its balance sheet, and the pulse an area to play croquet we couldn't find enough land that was flat. I would like to think that my view of rate can be critically influenced by the investments it does or does not business is not that far removed make. So where, I ask, does Peters, from Anita Roddick's - that the a former McKinsey consultant, essence of business is fun." with an MBA from Stanford, invest

How then, does this unexpectedly modest man have the gall to charge such vast fees? "It's actually more like \$50,000 for a two-hour presentation." he begins. "It is obscene. Trust me, that is an obscene amount of money." Peters laughs. "But don't ask me why people pay it, ask the person who signs the cheque." He explains that he originally based his fee structure on the \$1,000 a day charged by McKinsey. Then a wonderful thing happened to me. A woman came to work for us who had been a

Kay cosmetics, one of those high pressure sales organisations. I came back to the office one time and Betsy said I just got you \$10,000 for a speech. She said I was talking to these people and they were really keen to get you and they asked the price. She said \$12,000 and they said that's absurd and so she said \$10,000 and they said okay.

'There is a big industry in the US

for talkers at organisational meetings and in that market there is a price. Norman Schwarzkopf was at the top of the market last year, getting \$75,000 a time, Kissinger was top of the league for a while, then Reagan and Ollie North. But then Reagan and Ollie North. But I've been in the top ten for a long time — I've out-lasted them all. I find it all thoroughly amusing but also totally embarrassing. I hate talking money. Someone in my office does all the negotiating. It's an absurd number, for Christ's sake." Apart from his home in northern California's silicon valley, and his working dairy farm in and his working dairy farm in Vermont — with its cows, sheep, goats and lamas — Peters insists that his life-style has changed little. "I would be a fool to say that it hasn't changed at all, but I have avoided all the social crap which

could go along with it. I do not enjoy hanging out with people 'I would be a fool who wear suits, or the rich and to say my life-style hasn't changed, famous, I would much rather spend an hour with Anita Roddick than but I have avoided the social crap' with the CEO of

a big company in the US." Peters grew up in "a typical American 1950s suburb" outside Baltimore, Maryland. An only child, he describes his father as "a typical employee of that era: 44 years with one company, the Balti-more Gas and Electric Company. He was a credit and collections manager." His father was, he says, "very reticent" while his mother now aged 83 - is, superficially at least, more like her son.

"Ninety-eight per cent of the traits that you might associate with me seem to be mother-oriented. In a 15-floor elevator ride she will make four friends. That's not a joke, it happens. But they were both readers. My most cherished Christmas presents were always books, historical novels." In keeping with that upbringing, his second wife, Kate, from whom he has inherited two step-children, is a poet and once ran a book shop in Palo Alto,

As a schoolboy he was, he says,

"really unwretched, which I find a wretched phenomenon. I got good grades which I find disgusting. It feels very one-dimensional, but I do not think I was. I won some award for being more involved in extracurricula activities than anyone else, but I was never a good athlete. All young American males want to be great jocks and I was not.".

Since the age of nine, Peters had wanted to be an architect and he eventually went to a school of architecture. He left after a few months. "I realised that I had no chance of being the next Frank Lloyd Wright. I had no flair. I switched to engineering instead.

I'm still irritated at myself because

He fell into his present career "entirely by chance" and finally found an area where he did have flair. Although it is not true that he speaks entirely without notes — "I do have a prompt sheet" — he had always been a good talker. In debating contests in high school, marks were given for presentation and rebuttal. "I used to score reasonably well in presentation and automatically win in rebuttal."
Yet despite the bravado, and the

polish and charm, Peters obviously exudes when he is performing, as he sits alone on

an obvious interserve. An area where few people are allowed to go. He is not the brash, uninhibited exhibitionist his reputation might lead you to

am definitely a loner," he says. That feeling runs deep within him. "When I go to a social function or a party, even if it is with one or two iriends, I start getting quivers several hours before. They are truly agony for me. Perhaps I am a border-line depressive. Give me any scenario and I will always see the worst side."

Peters admits to being fascinated by amateur psychology. He has used it to his advantage and on himself. I asked him how such a person could stand up in front of hundreds of complete strangers and repeatedly deliver such extraordinary performances that his customers keep coming back for more.
"It has been said by wiser heads than mine that large numbers of people who spend their professional lives on a stage and in the theatre are phenomenally shy and use the public expression of theatre as their outlet.

My mother was genuinely gregarious. I am phenomenally shy."

Matthew Bond

# Raise your glasses, Norman has seen little green shoots again

Prepare to be overloyed.
I have the most wonderful news for each and every one of you. Our troubles are over, the dark days behind us. Recovery is, at last, on its way. Yes, yes, it's official. Rush

with impunity to your local Threshers and lay in the fizz. Happy days are here again. What's that? How do I know? Well that's easy, I got a phone call from you-know-who. Well, to be strictly accurate, I had two calls, but the first was from some doublebarrelled law firm wanting to reverse the charges and we have an in-house rule about not accepting those. But the second was from the man himself - Norman Lamont, in person. To say the Chancel-

"Matthew me old mucker," he bellowed, if I read my somewhat rusty shorthand correctly. "I've found them!" "Calm down, calm down," i replied, as the gabble contin-

lor was on form is an under-

statement.

He was

ued. "Start at the beginning and tell me the whole story. He did, eventually, and the gist of what a still excitable Mr Lamont had to say I will now relate. Well . . .

You remember those green shoots of recovery? How can we forget them. I hear you say. those mythical metaphors best known for their indefinite (infinite?) inappropriate-ness. Well, not so fast. The Chancellor has found them! Seems they were never missing at all — just mislaid.

They turned up, as we all know things do, while he was engaged in what sounds like a pretty frantic search for something else. Not one corner of his many residences was left unrummaged through. Whether he found what he was originally looking for, Mr Lamont was a little vague about, but there was no hiding his joy at finally putting his hands on those little old green shoots that even he was beginning to think lost forever. But there they were - tucked in the top pocket of a long-forgotten



sports jacket. "Honestly Matthew, I could have kicked myself," he finished. With supreme restraint, I said nothing about the several million volunteers who would be happy to save him the

"How many of these shoots are there?" I asked "Oh, a good handful," he enthused.

"A very good handful."

Politely, I enquired for more details. "Well, the best looking one is M0, which is growing like there's no tomorrow." (Advanced readers can award themselves an extra mark for knowing that for coincident indicators like MO, there is no tomorrow).

Quick as a flash, I interrupted. "Hang on, Norman, Five Green Shoots with One Called M0. Get me Lloyd Webber. I feel a musical coming on."

"Oh do shut up, you fool. I'm telling you about M0. You know, the coins and folding notes in your pocket." "And credit card slips in your jackindex in November you're referring to? What about the 2 per cent fall that the Nationwide index shows?" "Even Chancellors need a little "Xtra help," he bubbled. "But it is not just the housing

et?" I enquired "No." he snapped. "And stop interrupt-

ing. Now M0 — it grew by 0.8 per cent in November, which

means 3 per cent in the last

year. Now where does that

Available from every Post

Office, I thought silently. "But

doesn't the fact that in the last

three months, M0's been

growing at almost twice the

official target range mean you

will have to raise interest

"I've warned you about interrupting before. Now where was I? Ah yes — retail

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market that is moving the right way. The stock market's just hit a new all-time high; the pound is positively resurgent against the dollar and mark and Germany looks smack on course for recession. The markets are never wrong, you know. They weren't wrong in September and they're not wrong now." If Chancellors could skip while on the telephone, Mr Lamont

ed. "A trend which the freezing of the cost of inland calls

can only help?" It worked.
"Quite, quite."

his theme, "Then, of course,

there is the impact of lower

interest rates beginning to come through, the lack of which was one of the main reasons I mislaid the green shoots in the first place. What

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more Helmut Schlesinger makes. House prices have

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would have done so. "So who was wrong in September?" I asked, only to be answered by a tuneful chorus of Everything's Coming Up Roses.
I persisted "And what

about all these job losses -85,000 since September, almost 20,000 this week alone. Whatever happened to the Going for Growth plan?"

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# City scents Gardner Merchant deal

THE betting in the City is that Forte is about to sell its Gardner Merchant contract catering arm for a sum that

could exceed £400 million. The buyer is thought to be a consortium of institutions, headed by the venture capital arm of British Coal Pension Funds, which is close to clinching the deal. The existing management of Gardner Merchant, the subject of a failed £500 million offer from Compass Group last year, will move across, but are not

expected to take a large stake. Gardner Merchant's airport catering arm, which accounts for about one-fifth of the

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division, will be retained by Forte. An announcement is possible early next week.

Shares in P&O, which had been mentioned as a possible buyer, were initially marked down by 25p, but they ended at 460p, down 18p. Forte shares, bolstered by reports of option activity, firmed 2p to 169p, after touching 174p, on volume of 2.8 million shares.

Meanwhile, equities slipped back despite sterling's renewed strength as reports of a couple of sell programme trades and lower futures prompted some profit-taking, pushing prices lower towards the close. In an erratic trading

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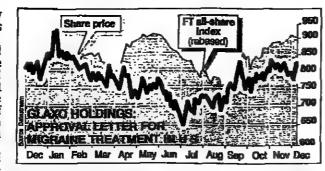
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session, the FT-SE 100 index ended down 11.6 points, at 2,759.4, having been up 4.5 at the start. Volume reached a healthy 676.1 million shares, boosted by the programme

trades. Turnover received a boost as Kleinwort Benson and SG Warburg placed near-ly 29 million Abbey National shares, at 360p a share, with institutional investors. The shares, understood to have been bought from Abbey at 356p, were those that were unclaimed by investors, or

unallocated, when Abbey converted from a building society to a bank in July, 1989. The placing raised about £103 million, with £5 million of going to Abbey's Charitable Trust. Shares in the Abbey National, which had its debt rating cut on Thursday by Moody's Investors Service, the American debt rating agency,

fell 7p to 366p, on volume of 66 million shares Meanwhile, Hong Kong-related stocks remained jittery despite an overnight rebound, as China threatened to scrap the 1984 agreement on the colony's future. Among those

Buying in thin conditions lifted Intercare, the dental, optical and medical supplies group, by 9p to 170p. The shares will be in the FT-A all-

exposed. HSBC lost 16p to 469p, Standard Chartered 14p to 528p and Cable & Wireless eased 4p to 646p.

share index from next year.

Glazo Holdings surged 36p to 823p, on volume of 7.6 million shares, after the US Food and Drug Administration issued an "approvable" letter for Imigran, the group's migraine treatment, known in America as Imitrex. The letter means the medicine should get final approval soon. Andrew Porter, of Nikko,

said: "It's good news, although it has taken a little longer than expected. This is one of Glaxo's most exciting products. The market is pleas

launch in the early part of next year." America is the most important market, with the drug's sales forecast to reach \$1 billion over the next few

ICI lost 12p to E10.36 as UBS Phillips and Drewdowngraded its profit forecasts on concern that already difficult European trading conditions were genting tougher. P&D has cut this year's pre-tax profit estimate from £628 mil-tion to £580 million, with next year's cut from £800 million to £700 million. Second liners enjoyed decent volume again, as institutional investors took

Argyll Group, owner of Safeway, rose 5p to 393p, after a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing CLL says the interims underlined its proven retail formula-

an interest in potential recov-ery stocks that have been neglected and in the additional 150 companies joining the FT-A All-Share index from next year.

The beleaguered motor industry received a fillip from news that new car sales rose by 6.2 per cent last month, boosted by last month's abolition of the special car tax, although sales for the first 11 months of 1992 were down 1.3 per cent.

November's sales were viewed positively, helping Lex Service add 12p to 253p. T Cowie 1p to 140p, European Motor 2p to 79p and Jessups 2p to 65p. William Baird slipped 11p

to 207p after reports that James Capel had trimmed its profit forecast. Unilever slid 14p to £10.52 as some traders switched into the NV, the Dutch quoted shares, for currency reasons.

Resent Hotels plunged 8p to 16p, although the shares recovered to close at 19p after the company issued a statement to the Stock Exchange saying that it was not aware of any reason for the fall.

Melville Group was a late casualty, sliding from an overnight level of 11p to just 6p after it revealed a slump in profits and passed dividend.

PHILIP PANGALOS

# Blue chips firm in early trading

New York — Blue chips were firm in choppy mid-morning trading while secondary issues posted a moderate gain. Blue chips opened higher but then dipped into negative ground as profit-takers emerged.

Tom Luker, head of the

trading desk at Nikko Securities, said the November US employment report was encouraging, but still showed that the economy was improving at a snail's pace.
The Dow Jones industrial

average was up 11.61 points at 3,288.14.

☐ Singapore — Share prices closed easier in late profittaking as fund managers' interest focused on the Hong Kong market, dealers said. The Straits Times industrial index ended at 1,442.70. down 5.64 points from

☐ Sydney — The Australian share market traded over a tight range. Brokers said that investors took to the sidelines

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rection from offshore markets, particularly Hong Kong. The All-Ordinaries index closed

1.4 up, at 1.435.2. ☐ Frankfurt — The Dax index ended an overcast session just off the day's lows, depressed by a general lack of

in droves, awaiting some di- bright economic and corporate news. A sharp 5.1 per cent fall in west German industry orders in October added to the gloom, dealers reported. The Dax slipped 10.34 points to a 1,522.16 close, after hitting a low of 1.521.13 in early trading.

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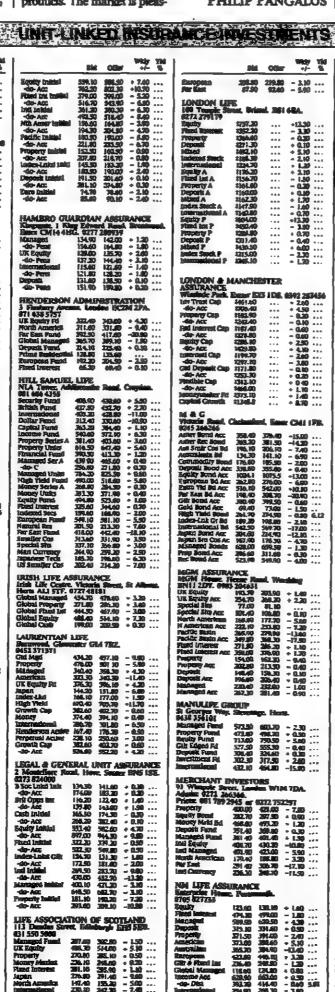
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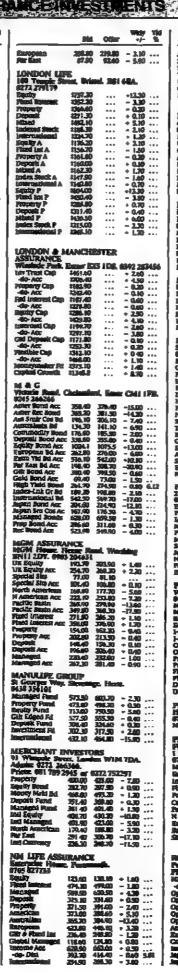
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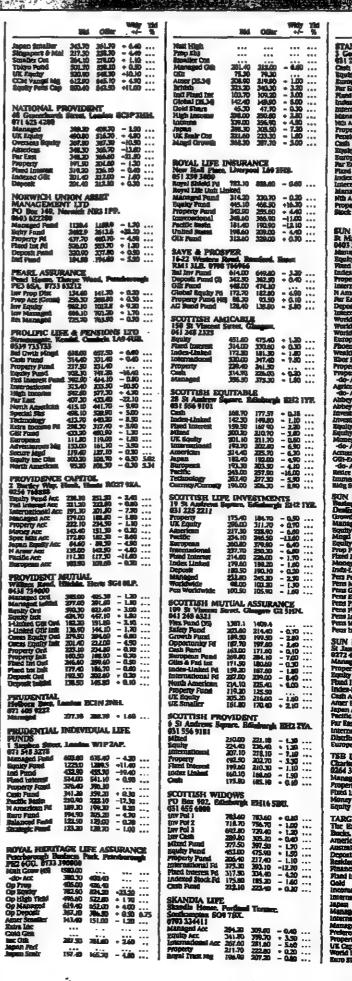
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#### The collective financial om-budsmen are doing a great job when their paymasters let them. This week, it was the turn of the banking ombudsman to report a 60 per cent increase in complaints. It could have been more if the banks did not, at the end of their complaints procedures, drag their feet in issuing deadlock letters that are necessary for customers to take their cases to the ombudsman.

Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, has implemented a pilot scheme to try to speed complaints to his office. He argues that it is in banks' interest to get them resolved quickly. Too often, complaints linger in branch or regional offices, as staff do not want head office to learn how many unhappy customers they have.

In many cases, the account holder's grievance is ill-founded and the ombudsman's office says much the same as the bank; but it is believed as an independent voice. It might also put the matter differently. Too often, staff tell customers "we have always done it this way", or even "we have

# Banks drag feet on complaints

had lots of complaints about this". without explaining that the terms and conditions of the account are binding and common to all banks.

The banks are not alone in delaying tactics. Weekend Money hears from many exasperated customers of insurance companies whose first letters to head office receive replies from assistant general managers but who find that subsequent correspondence comes from more junior members of staff. They therefore get further and further from the deadlock letters that enable their cases to be heard by the insurance ombudsman.

Many cases are ruled to be outside the ombudsmen's jurisdiction. The largest number of banking complaints concerned interest and charges, but few of these cases received a full examination, because it is up to the banks to take commercial decisions on the rates



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of an account too radically without resorting to the courts. proper notice.

Of the cases that the ombudsmen Buyers beware examine fully, a third on average result in compensation. Financial institutions should be thankful that there are professional offices to deal with their disenchanted customers, whose cases would dog up much

executive time.

The fact that more and more customers are becoming aware of the ombudsmen's existence is good news. It gives them confidence that if

they charge or pay, provided they do anything serious should go wrong. not change the terms and conditions there is a way or resolving it without

lesson was learnt this week by investors in the Birmingham Capital Trust that should be noted by all other savers. Guarantees are only as good as the company or organisation making

The small private bank has written to savers who put money into its fixed-rate, tax-exempt special sav-

MILLIONS of cardholders are not legally eligible for compensation if their Christ-

mas purchases by card turn out to be defective, and could be the first to suffer if there is a

dispute among banks as to who should pay out, the Law Society said this week.

Those buying expensive presents or booking holidays over Christmas with a credit card will normally be protected under the Consumer Credit

Act 1974 if the presents turn

out to be defective or an airline

or tour operator goes under. Under the act, cardbolders can recover the cost of any

purchase between £100 and

230.000 from the card issuer.

Banks are bracing themselves

for the annual onslaught on

their card handling systems, expecting a rush of card

purchases in the run-up to Christmas.

However, the Law Society

said the act was in need of

'urgent reform' because it

was not clear whether the

protection people think they

have under the Consumer

Credit Act exists. One of the

most significant omissions

ings account, expecting to get 12 per cent gross for five years, that the account is to be closed at the end of the year after discussions with the Bank of England. They will have to transfer to another Tessa with a lower rate of interest. If they do not do so, they will lose the tax benefits of the account as well.

The Birmingham bank blamed the economic climate, which has resulted in an erosion of its capital base. Those who put their money with the bank were not greedy because they opted for a 12 per cent guarantee, variable rate accounts were offering more than 15 per cent when they were launched at the beginning of last year, plus the chance of final bonuses.

The Birmingham case is a timely reminder, for the market is awash with guaranteed products of all descriptions, whether they be business expansion schemes with guaranteed

exits, or bonds investing in equities guaranteeing that, whatever hap-

pens in the market, capital is secure. Investors should check the status of anyone offering an investment guarantee just as they would a firm guaranteeing damp-proofing work.

If the company fails, so does the guarantee in most cases. Or if companies' market hopes are not realised, they can go back on their

Those who look first to tax-efficiency when investing can also come unstuck, as Lancashire & Yorkshire Assurance Society's current debacle over unwise investment in property demonstrates. Some 40,000 investors were told, when they invested in its capital secure fund, that property was excluded from the portfolio of the tax-free investment

Now they find that the friendly society did invest in property and has made substantial losses. Who will pay remains to be seen but it is only a question of whether the grief is spread across all the society's investors or only those in the fund.

# Christmas clampdown on credit card fraud

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

CREDIT card fraudsters were given notice this week that the pickings will not be so easy this Christmas. Barclaycard has stepped up its efforts to defeat the fraudulent use of cards and by the end of the year will have given away about £4 million in tax-free bonuses to sales staff who retain stolen or wildly overspent cards.

This month, the credit card's fraud referral unit expects to be responsible for 300 arrests and recover more than 2,500 stolen cards. This will be a small proportion of the 2,000 cards expected to be lost or stolen every day during the run up to Christmas. On average one in ten of the cards is used fraudulently.

Barclaycard expects its fraud bill to be reduced this year from last year's £36 mil-lion total. This is largely due to a reduction in the limits over which sales assistants have to telephone Bardaycard for authorisation or an electronic card being swiped through a machine. On the last Saturday before Christmas, the credit card company expects to give 100,000 telephone authorisations and 700,000 electron-

This should detect stolen or missing cards already reported, if the thief goes on a spree. The company's Fraudwatch computer system often finds out when cards are stolen before the customer realises they are missing. The system analyses spending patterns and when a card begins to be used in an unusual way one of the Fraudwatch team tele-phones the cardholder to check that he or she is making the purchases. About 30,000 customers have been contacted since the system went national last year and more than 2,000 have found that

their cards were missing. Barry Fergus, project direc-tor, fraud control, said: "Most cardholders are pleased that we are taking so much trouble. We have only had one that complained saying that it was an infringement of their liberties."

The system has to be modified a little at Christmas because everyone's spending pattern changes. Credit card purchases of wine and spirits increases by 50 per cent, while sales of jewellery double and petrol is reduced.

When a card, listed as stolen, seeks authorisation the



Card watch: staff at the Barclaycard centre in Wavertree, Liverpool, track purchases

sales assistant is asked to retain the card and on some occasions to engage the customer in conversation to give the police time to arrive.

The reward for a stolen card is £50. Bardaycard pays the tax for the sales assistant. One sales assistant has received so many £50s that she has bought a car with the proceeds.

Professional thieves learn fast where they may be caught and some of the large new outof-town shopping malls are finding that fraudsters are moving to them from inner cities. Liverpool still tops the credit card fraud league, ac-

cording to Barclaycard. The number of cards intercepted before the customer receives them has fallen since large numbers have been delivered by security customers or to branches for customers to collect. This now accounts for 20 per cent of fraud. A fast growing, though as yet small category, are counterfeit cards. These account for 6 per cent of fraudulent purchases. They often do not have a magnetic stripe and cannot be used in electronic machines.

Credit cardholders are told to report the loss of a card immediately and to keep the card number and the telephone number of the company to hand. It is no use at home if it takes two hours to get there. Statements should be

checked carefully as should credit card vouchers. Never sign an open voucher except for car hire or in hotels, where the card is used as a guarantee of payment. When the bill is finally paid the amount should be checked.

When abroad the card should not be let out of the customer's sight. In restau-rants, the plastic imprinter should be brought to the table or the cardholder should follow the waiter to the till.

Stores keen to reduce the amount of cash in their tills are encouraging debit card customers to take cash as well as their shopping. This cashback facility started in super markets in America, was first used in garages in this country and now is available in super markets and other shops with

large cash sales.

Lloyds said a 10 per cent increase in fraud or attempted fraudulent use of cards was likely over Christmas. At the same time, it was expecting a rise of up to 25 per cent in spending. However, people should not get carried away and exceed their credit limit. Instead they should go out with a clear idea of what they want to spend on each person, the bank said. Cardholders can find out how much credit they have left by looking at the bottom of their statement. Alternatively, they can ring up and find out. People should

also make sure they make at least the minimum repayment required on their bill over the Christmas period otherwise

# Second holders at risk over claims for compensation

under the act is second card holders, who have no legal right to a payout. Second cardholders are not liable for debts run up on the card and card issuers only have an obligation under the act to the debtor, who is considered to be the first named cardholder.

These people have to rely on the banks' goodwill to pay out voluntarily. All the big banks say they will do so, but Charles Maggs, secretary to the consumer and commercial law committee at the Law Society, said: "It is open to the banks to change their policy. If there is no legal obligation to pay, why should they? The law should give cardholders the protection they think they have."

Those not legally covered are the most vulnerable if

banks dispute claims for compensation. Credit-card use has become more complex since the act was drafted and many transactions involve two card issuers. Typically, one issuer will handle all a retailer's transactions but this may not be the same issuer of the customer's card. This leaves the way open for banks to argue about who is responsi-

ble for paying compensation. Lawyers and banks still cannot agree on whether the act covers cardholders' purchases abroad. The Banking Ombudsman said in his report this week that he believed cardholders were not covered abroad "although the position is not entirely clear from doubt". Mr Maggs could not see any "geographical limitation" in the wording of the act, however. The Office of Fair Trading shares this view. Banks say they will normally not pay out for cards used

The need to clarify such grey areas has united the Law Socareas has united the Law Society, consumer groups and the banks in an unlikely alliance. Jean Eaglesham, head of money policy at the Consumers' Association, said: "We have been worried about this for a while. It is a valuable protection but clarification protection but clarification

would remove anomalies."
Lloyds and NatWest said clarification would be "helpful". Those with Lloyds Visa debit cards are the only debit cardholders to be covered under the act. Holders of Lloyds Gold cards who use their cards anywhere in the world also have 90 days' purchase protection.

Barriaycard offers protection for 100 days on items over £50 not covered by household insurance. The number of claims increases by 50 per cent

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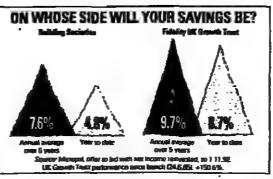
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# Saying that won't do nicely

PEOPLE whose Barclaycard applications are rejected are getting fuller explanations as to why they failed to pass muster and a chance to try again, if they can supply more information (Lindsay

The largest card issuer, with more than 8 million customers, felt that its rather terse rejection letter was "slamming the door in people's faces". So, in a limited experiment at the end of October, it started using a series of new letters explaining why applicants had been turned down. So far, 1,200 of those refused a card have been given an indication where the problem might lie and about 12 per cent have supplied more information to support their applications.

Earlier this year, the Office of Fair Trading recommended that banks should give reasons for declining applications. Pat Ingle, director, risk management, of Barclaycard, said: "On moral grounds we decided we should try to

make it work." There are now four different, fiveparagraph letters that are being sent to the unsuccessful applicants. The first refers to credit scoring and points out that while no individual factor leads to the decision the questions about residential status and years at an address lowered the overall score of the applicant. Mr Ingle explained that tenants had a different risk rating from owner-occupiers and tenants in furnished homes were different from those in unfurnished

Marital status and age can lower the overall score for applicants. Mr Ingle said: "There are different weightings for married, single and divorced applicants." The young have a different weighting from older people. "We do not profit-score and decline older people because we think they will not use their cards."

Those people rejected because insufficient or adverse information has come from their bank or building society receive the third letter. This may be sent if they bank outside Barclays and their bank refuses to give a reference. "While some could be good customers, we cannot get information on them. Others may have an appalling financial history. This is the letter that we have had a handful of problems with and will probably revise

Currently, it says that details of the length of time the customer has had a bank account, the type of customer relationship and the manner in which the

the overall score. The last letter refers to employment details including the nature of the job and time at work. "Those who have not got a job are in a generally higher risk category than those in regularly paid work. We tend to classify housewives as homemakers rather than unemployed. Often additional information is helpful for applicants initially declined."

Those initially turned down are asked for their partner's annual income before tax, their mortgage or rent payments, and other credit payments. People who are turned down because something adverse is on the records of credit reference agencies can find out what is held on them by writing to the agency concerned and paying £1. Any incorrect information should be changed. Credit card issuers are turning down

the majority of applications now. They are cautious about bad debt and people over-extending themselves. Lloyds Bank will not issue cards to non-customers. Some people who are refused cards aspect it is because they have always aid off existing card bills in full. Barclaycard says this is never the case. There will be other reasons that the new

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# Tips of the job are a taxable perk

TAXI drivers, questioned about whether they declare all their tips to the Inland Revenue, are likely to change the subject with alacrity, pausing only to mention just how badly business has fallen recently. Few, if any, will give a frank account of whether the full amount of income derived from tipping ever finds its way

Officially, no taxi driver can dodge the system. A Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association spokesman said: The tax man is now very good at dealing with the black economy. Years ago, the situation was very different.

But now, taxi drivers have to pay the full amount. "I would say the situation is now skewed in favour of the Revenue. For instance, people who work less hours because of the recession, or have gone into semi-retirement, are often assessed as though they are still working a full week." He refused to dismiss as

paranoia claims that the Revenue employs former taxi drivers as undercover agents to assess drivers' true incomes.

However, an accountant who numbers several taxi drivers among his clients, tells a different story. "A cab driver can only be assessed on the information he is prepared to

various formulae when estimating his likely income, but they have no way of knowing exactly how much he has earned."

This is because each driver is responsible for keeping his own records, based on the daily total recorded on his clock. It is not possible for an outside authority to check that the records are based on an accurate daily reading, the

The Inland estimates depend primarily on the amount of relief claimed for fuel expenses. Calculations are then made using a complicated formula derived from years of experience in dealing with taxi drivers' tax

When preparing estimates, the Inland Revenue adds 10 per cent of basic turnover for tips, and a further 5 per cent for additional charges for luggage and journeys that involve more than one Although he had

concrete evidence, the accountant said there was probably a case to be made for reducing the assumption for tips to 7.5 per cent, or even 5 per cent, of turnover because people tend to tip less in a

The Inland Revenue was not prepared to discuss the



from the date on which it was existence of set formulae. A spokesman said: "We have to proceed on the assumption

that parties are honest and do

declare their full income.

Some people do escape the

net, of course, but they run the

risk of being caught, which will mean having to pay penalties such as fines and interest on the unpaid tax

Penalties charged can be as much as twice the unpaid tax, but they depend on the gravity of the offence and the amount of co-operation shown when the tax dodger is finally brought to book.

Restaurant workers whose employers operate a tip pooling system — when tips are collected centrally and shared out among staff -should have less opportunity of hiding earnings than those who are allowed to keep individual tips. This is because tips shared out by employees must be added to their basic earnings and thus channelled

through the normal pay as you

carn system. When tips are paid cash in hand, there is no official way of checking.

The Inland Revenue may decide to pursue an individual if it suspects tips have not been declared, but this normally depends on the likely wealth of

However, many restaurant workers never see the tips they have earned. There is no legal requirement for employers to pass on money added to the bill by unsuspecting customers and, according to estimates made by the General Union, the GMB, fewer than half of more than their basic wages. A GMB spokesman said

the restaurant's clientele.

that this sad state of affairs could easily have deteriorated further in the recession, although he had no hard evidence that this was the case Tipping is not the only additional income that attracts

While most people are aware of taxable perks such as company cars, they may be surprised to learn that the firm's Christmas party, or annual dinner dance, may also land them with a tax bill Events provided for large sections of the staff that cost more than £50 a head will result in an extra deduction from individual salaries. If the value of the perk goes above the £50 limit, tax is charged on the full amount.



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# **Insurers assess cost** of stormy weather

DRAMATIC television and press pictures of flooded village streets and waterlogged vehicles have given the impression that insurers will face massive claims for flood damage (Liz Dolan writes). Al-though reports of devastation in Wales and the West Country have led to insurance company shares being marked down on the stock market, the companies appear to be taking a more sanguine view. Most of the flooding has occurred over pastureland which, while bad news for rabbits and field moles, is unlikely to affect many humans.

Mike Dunderdale, manag-ing director of Robins, Davies & Ware, a West Country loss adjuster, said: "We're not expecting to be asked to invesigate a huge amount of claims. The Swansea office is a bit busy and the Taunton office is seeing some business, for the most part, the floods really didn't happen as far as we're concerned."

A spokesman for Royal Insurance agreed: "It's really not a problem. Obviously it's very bad news for some of our clients, but the cost to us is only likely to be about the same as you might expect after a windy night." It was too early to estimate how much Royal would have to pay out, he said. Individual claims for flooding tend to be quite expensive, but they are often delayed for some time, as a proper assess-ment is impossible until the property has dried out com-

pletely. Loss adjusters might advise waiting to see whether a carpet, for instance, or wall,

that appears to have been badly affected when sopping wet, improves enough to salvage later on, the spokesman

Under Royal's basic house hold policy, families are re-housed until their homes become habitable once more. Royal takes responsibility for drying out the property, with the use of aids such as industrial heaters. "It is only then that we can even start to look at a

Steve Turner, superintendent, household, at Sun Alliance, said: "It's early days yet. Sometimes people don't contact us for a long time, so we can't be sure how many claims we're going to get. However, the overall view is that the damage is not as expensive as was feared earlier in the week." He said that one loss adjuster in the South East had told him he was inundated with work, but

unusual". People in flooded areas are advised to contact insurers at once so that damage limitation can begin. The Associ-ation of British Insurers advises taking emergency precautions as soon as possible. It says: "Don't use gas or electricity until you're told it's safe to do so. Wherever possible, keep doors and windows open and lift floorboards to aid the drying process. Don't redecorate too early and make sure areas under suspended floorboards have dried out thoroughly, or you may get dry rot later on." Premiums are unlikely to be affected unless the situation

worsened considerably.

# Tax help put on video

By SARA MCCONNELL

THE Inland Revenue has produced a free video and booklet for people about to start up in business.

The video outlines seven steps self-employed people need to take if they are not to fall foul of the taxman and is the first in what the Revenue hopes will become a series on different aspects of the tax

Self-employed people and tax officers featured in the video, Getting two right from the start, stress that people setting up on their own should contact the local tax office before starting to trade.

Keeping a clear record of business receipts and earnings and day-to-day expenditure once the business has started is vital. The booklet with the video lists rent, heat, light and telephone, insurance, the costs

of running the car, printing, stationery and staff wages as some of the expenses that can

be set against tax.

Those who employ staff are responsible for deducting tax under the pay as you earn system and paying it to the Revenue. At the end of each year, accounts for the business must be filed with the Revenue, otherwise an estimated assessment will be made. The Revenue says those with a turnover of less than £15,000 just have to supply a three-line account showing total turnover, total business expenses

and net profit.
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Bank fees and interest charges top list of complaints to ombudsman

Loans should carry a health warning

MONEY EDITOR

PANKS should put limits on guarantees for loans made by socuses, business partners or parents. Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, stid when publishing his anrual report.

He has dealt with several cases where a wife has acted as tuarantor and allowed the family home to be secured on a business loan for her husand. The loan was small and here "was a spirit of natural ove and affection". By the time the cases reach the ombudsman, the couple have often split up and the amount owed is much larger.

In other cases reported to Weekend Money, parents act as guarantors for one loan and re surprised when their children take on subsequent loans that the parents are expected honour. "There should aways be a health warning for aly guarantor stating what the maximum liability will

." the ombudsman said. During the year to end-September, the number of emplaints received by his office rose by 60 per cent to riore than 10,000. Those spout charges and interest tipped the list at 1,939 — albough most of these were beond the ombudsman's jurisdiction. Of those cases fully inestigated, more than a third oncerned cash dispensers.
Mr Shurman believes that he banking code of practice. ntroduced in March, will reuce the number of problems this area. The code limits oss to £50 when a card is used a third party without the older's consent, unless he or he has been grossly neglient. However, grossly neglient behaviour is not speciied. Writing the personal i-



Fair play: Laurence Shurman, left, with Dame Mary Donaldson, chairman of the office of the banking ombudsman

card is obviously asking for

In one case decided by the office since the code was introduced, Mr Shurman found for the customer and told the bank that he expected it to use the case as guidance in future cases,

Banks had feared a flood of false claims after the code came in and some dubbed it a fraudster's charter. They believe that the computers operating the cash dispensers cannot be activated without a correct personal identification number and if a third party has used one the customer

must have been negligent.
Lloyds Bank said that it referred the case to the omguidance on what he regarded

Mr Shurman said that it was possible for numbers to be seen by third parties. Some machines are set low down, making it easy for anyone in the queue to observe the number. Others are positioned in such a way that the customer has to move to one side to be able to see the instructions in bright sunlight.

The ombudsman said he had found plenty of evidence of fraud. Often it involved someone known to the complainant. "Cases have hap-pened through other sources inside the banks and from other third party means." In one case, a bank did not

act quickly enough to cancel a

card that was reported stolen. The bank said that £150 was withdrawn before the theft was reported and £500 was withdrawn afterwards. As a gesture of goodwill, the bank credited the customer with £325 — half the money lost. The ombudsman ruled that the bank was not entitled to

enforce its strict contractual

conditions. The customer's

loss was reduced to £150. If the case had happened after the code came into operation, the customer might only have had £50 to pay, the report said. A dispenser's audit trail was examined in every disputed case. Cash dispenser fraud could be reduced by giving customers a choice of personal

identification numbers so they

could be remembered more easily, by limiting the amount of cash that can be dispensed, monitoring suspicious withdrawal patterns and sending more frequent statements on savings accounts with cash cards. With the latter, large sums can be withdrawn with-

out the customer knowing. The cost of closing an account is another source of contention with customers. In one case, a bank had levied £10 for closing the account of a deceased customer. It was not until the solicitor told the bank that it had referred the complaint to the ombudsman that a refund was made.

Mr Shurman said he would not back customers who

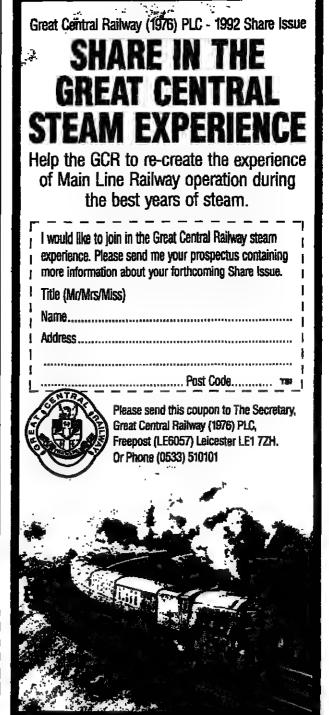
charged customers. Customers might be able to claim they earned £50 an hour in their work, but when they wrote to their banks they were not working in this capacity. In most cases he ruled that the time of a customer was worth E5 to £10 an hour.

Time taken off work for bank meetings would be paid for if the customer lost wages because of them. An architect who claimed £25,000 for his own time in sorting out over-payment of interest of £16,000 on two property loans was paid £500 or 50p an hour for

the time daimed In another case, three sisters in their ninenes sought advice from a bank's financial services adviser. He defrauded them of £12,000. After a long delay, the bank repaid the £12,000, but refused any additional compensation. Eventually, the bank decided to pay interest of £3,000, £500 for inconvenience and distress and £750 plus VAT for legal fees.

A couple whose cheque was bounced, preventing them from buying a cafe in which they were tenants, were awarded £27,000 in compensation. The bank, however, took £22,000 of this to cover money owed from the customer's business account.

☐ The ombudsman may be contacted by writing to the Office of the Banking Ombudsman, Citadel House, 5-11 Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1 BR. Complaints should have worked their way through the bank's complaints procedures before being referred. However, if a bank is tardy in handling a case, the ombuds-man can hurry things along. A pilot study is being carried out to see if the complaints procedure can be speeded up.



# Friendly society may have to impose levy

By Sara McConnell

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The society said a levy was one option being considered. This could be in the order of 5.000 policies in force.

The vast majority of these policies, some 70,000, had exposure to property investnents, although nearly 0,000 of the members had indorsements on their policies hat specified contributions should not be invested in

Since 1989, these invest-nents have been held in the Capital Secure Board. The value of the property portfolio now £2.5 million, less than

General Accident changes policies

to buy.

The society is to ask the High Court to decide whether compensation should be paid and if so, where the payout should come from. The application to court is likely to be filed in the new year. Any levy on policyholders would dewant (Lindsay Cook writes).

pend on the court's decision. Those who had sustained paying a levy to help fund their own compensation. Policyholders will not be able to apply for compensation to the Policybolders' Protection Board, because this pays out only if societies go under. There is no question at the at £10. moment of this happening in

Lancashire & Yorkshire's case. Payouts on maturing policies will continue in the normal way. The price of the units has already taken the losses

The company already offers a no claims discount on its home policies of up to 25 per cent. It is now launching a bedroom-based policy, but allowing policyholders to add to it where their possessions ex-ceed the limits. The premiums are based on numbers of bedrooms and postcodes, but the company is using its 65

regional offices to improve the risk assessments of areas. Subsidence, for example, is not neatly contained within post code districts.

basic contents policy will offer cover for fire, flood and theft. Customers can add on accidental damage and cover for ssions outside the home. The standard excess is £50, which means that policyholders pay the first £50 of any claim. Those who are willing to pay the first £250 on a buildings policy get a 25 per cent discount. With contents the discount is 20 per cent. Higher discounts can be

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#### Two sides to tax refunds

From Mr P. A. Hollings Sir, I read with interest your Comment (November 21) on the difficulties which lie in the way of individuals who wish to reclaim income tax deducted from interest credited by building societies.

My wife is entitled to make

such a claim, but, so far, our problems have arisen with the building societies. I recently rang our local society for a certificate of deduction of tax, to support a claim by my wife for the current year. At first, I was given a number of unlikely reasons why such a certificate could not be issued now, including a suggestion that there were Inland Revenue instructions. I refused to accept what I was told and was promised that the question would be attended to. Having heard nothing, I made an official complaint. The second paragraph of the letter I received in reply suggests that the Inland Revenue is indeed putting obstacles in the way of repayment during a year. No wonder individuals are discouraged from making claims. It is within my know ledge that investors are unaware they may make claims. Last year, I attempted to persuade a couple of societies to either issue certificates of deduction of tax automatical-

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of members the possibility of reclaiming tax overpaid, but without any success, so far. Do you not agree that societies have some responsibility to advise members of the entitlement in this respect? Yours faithfully P. A. HOLLINGS,

2 Davey Close, Impington, Cambridge From Mrs Audrey Phillips Sir, Your comment— "Tax claimants need better deal" (November 21) — is grossly

unfair to the Revenue as

regards repayment of over-

paid tax in saying "it can take

more than a year to get the money" I submitted my claim to

Plymouth 3 and received a cheque for the due amount ten days later. I would hope that in the interest of fairness you would publish this letter. Yours sincerely, AUDREY PHILLIPS, l Victoria Court,

Durdham Park, Bristol.

☐ The delays referred to were for people whose total overpayment is less than £50 who have to wait until the end of the tax year in which the interest was paid to make the

#### Malvern masters' case and the use of Hansard by the law lords

From Mr John Hart Sir. Rather naturally I read the articles by Lindsay Cook and Sara McConnell on Pepper v. Hart (Weekend Money, November 28) with more than usual interest. They were en-

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tirely accurate as far as they went, but there is one aspect of the case that is of real public concern, unconnected with its implications for personal tax, which I have not seen discussed anywhere.

If the House of Lords was going to remove its "selfimposed blinkers" (our counsel's phrase) and look into Hansard, an averagely literate ten-year-old could have seen that the Inland Revenue's case was doomed. That, no doubt, explains why the law lords were treated to the undignified spectacle of the Commons' senior law officer (for the Revenue) urging them to pay no attention to what the Commons said. The attorneygeneral even argued that the use of Hansard as an aid to construing legislation might constitute a prima facie breach of parliamentary privilege: the Commons, evidently, didn't mind people reading Han-

sard as long as they didn't take it seriously. As all the world now knows, their lordships did look at Hansard, and the Revenue were duly taken to the deaners - 7-0 to Malvern. Question: in the face of so pellucid a parliamentary in-

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Yours faithfully,

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tention, how was it that the Revenue not only thought it worth while to try it on, but actually found two courts to agree with it? The answer can only be: incompetent drafting. The public at large is entitled to assume that all new legislation accurately reflects the wishes of Parliament Perhaps a system should be devised whereby those responsible for drafting legislation were sur-

minds somewhat. I am inclined to discount fears that the law lords' decision will lead to a change in the law: only Parliament, not the Revenue, can make laws, and their lordships have now established that the law is what Parliament said it should be; and two of them went out of their way to stress the absurdity of the consequences that would have flowed from the interpretation they

I am, sir, Your obedient servant, JOHN HART (Senior Classics Master). Malvern College, Malvern,

# Loose change

From Professor J. E. Adams Sir., Sheila Morley (Letters, From Ms Annie Irvine Sir. I called in at a London branch of the Midland Bank November 28) is quite wrong. Sharing a bathroom or requesting that a £5 note be kitchen with a landlord does exchanged for smaller coins. indeed prevent the creation of I was informed that this an assured tenancy. However,

would incur a £3 charge. This was later confirmed by Midland Bank's head office. which added that were I to become a customer of the bank, no charge would be BANKS

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1973	1,088	978	580	713	516
1974	1,171	698	1,160	1,267	804
1975	1,257	944	1,640	1,859	1,606
1976	1,347	878	2,120	2,491	1,923
1977	1,443	952	2,600	3,166	2,555
1978	1,537	1,028	3,080	3,871	3,227
1979	1,670	1,202	3,560	4,707	4,272
1980	1,847	1,364	4,040	5,713	5,321
1981	2,021	1,328	-4,520	6,755	5,628
1982	2,203	1,506	5,000	7,865	6,893
1983	2,366	1,918	5,480	8,946	9,272
1984	2,552	2,346	5,960	10,153	11,839
1985	2,779	3,528	6,440	11,557	18,407
1986	2,999	5,724	6,920	12,970	30,437
1987	3,231	4,672	7,400	14,476	25,201
1988	3,462	5,532	7,880	16,010	30,332
1989	3,789	8,570	8,360	18,024	47,564
1990	4,198	7,090	8,840	20,480	39,744
1991	4,552	7,472	9,320	22,709	42,327
30 Nov 1992	4,840*	8,328	9,760	24,601*	47,610

Notes: All figures include re-invested income net of basic-rate tax. M&G European & General figures show the return to the investor. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (Source: Central Statistical Office — Financial Statistical The regular strings figures exclude the last payment and all payments apart from the first are

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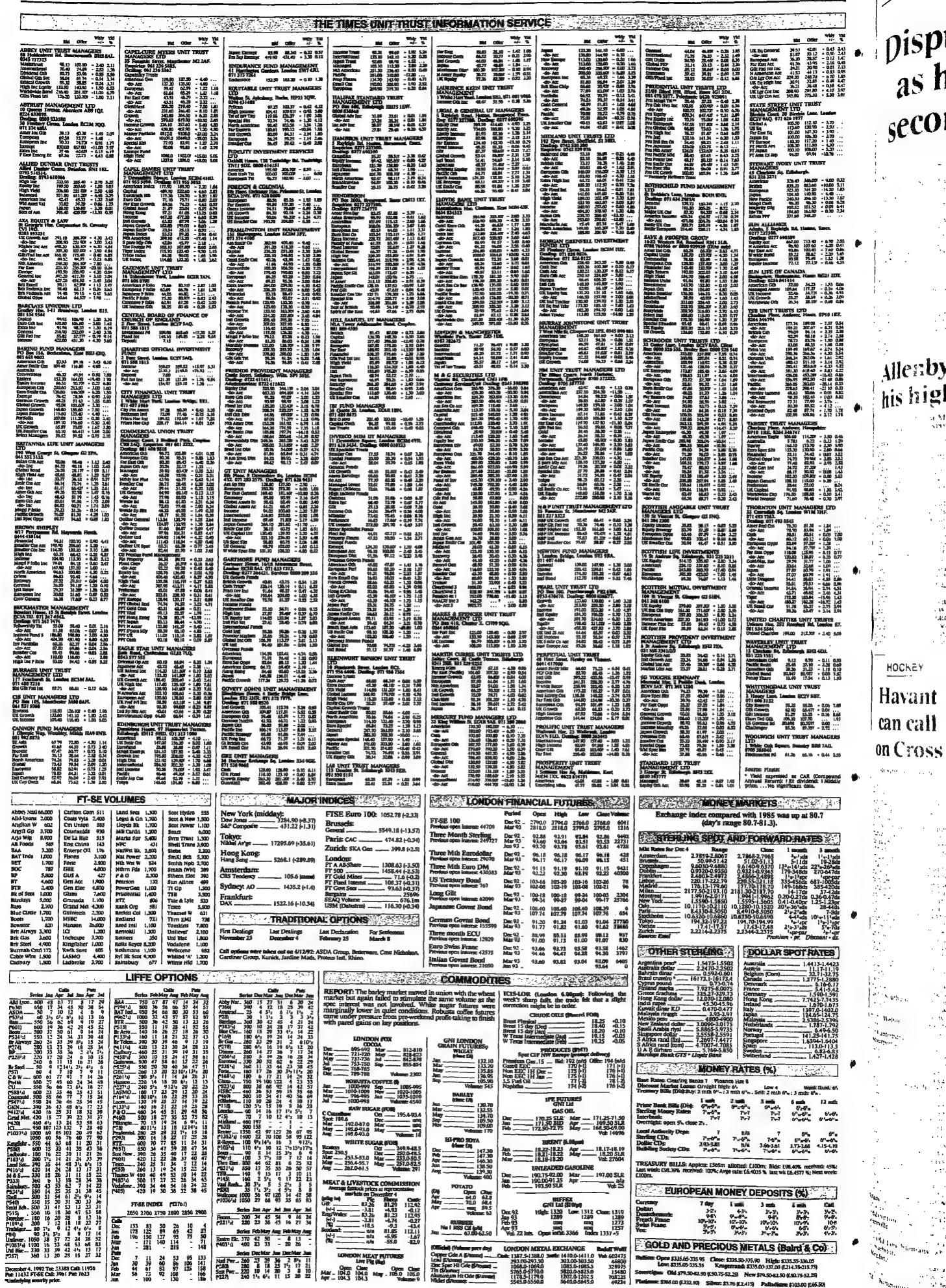
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# Dispute bugs Faldo as he surrenders second-round lead

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

UNSETTLED by a rules dispute involving Ernie Els, his playing partner, Nick Faldo slipped two shots off the pace after the second round of the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City, South Africa.

The British golfer, the over-night leader after a first-round 69, ended two shots adrift of the three joint leaders, Els, his fellow South African, David Frost, and Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, who were on 139, five under par.

The controversy arose on the 2nd hole. Faldo objected when Els used his putter to brush away a beetle sitting on the line of his putt. Tournament officials ruled later that, under local regulations, the action was acceptable, alUnited States a penalty stroke would have been imposed.

Faldo, upset that officials had not resolved the dispute until the end of the round, said."If somebody had known the bloody rules they could have told us straightaway and it would have been no prob-lem at all. There was nothing wrong with what he [Els] did. If they could have told me that straightaway it would have been over and done with and we could have got on with it.

"You can brush a bug off your line [with a club] over here but not in Europe or America. Obviously, you've got man-eating bugs over here."

# Allenby confirms his high promise

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

ROBERT Allenby provided further evidence of his growing maturity when, by compiling a second round of 68, he captured the halfway lead in the Johnnie Walker Classic on the Royal Melbourne course

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here yesterday. His total of 134, ten under par, gave him a two-shot advantage over fellow-Australian, Mark Allen, who completed his round of 66 following a violent thunderstorm which halted play for 100 minutes. Colin Montgomerie, who had shared the lead with Allenby after the first round, fell back with a disappointing 73.

"I hope that is my bad round out of the way," Montgomerie said. "I certainly have no intention of shooting over par again and I still feel that I can win the title."

Jamie Spence, the European Masters champion, is on 141 and Steven Richardson a shot further back after a 68.

Allenby, 21, was runner-up in the Australian Open on this course a year ago while still an amateur and many believe he is his country's best prospect since Greg Norman.

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break on the greens, and that the controversy had not helped his performance. It was not surprising that three southern Africans were in the lead, he said, because they had been born and raised "playing on Kikuyu grass at 5,000ft. I learned to play on mud below sea level, in the pouring rain".

Els, who responded with a hirdie on the next hole, said: "I just wanted to get on with it. I wasn't angry. I think he [Faldo] got a little bit tense about it.

Els, 23 and contesting Sun City's million dollar first prize for the first time, praised Faldo for his professionalism. "It was very nice playing with Nick," Els said. "He just came out straight with it. We had a nice battle out there today."

Bernhard Langer, of Ger-many, the defending champion who set a tournament record total of 272 last year, went round in 69, three under par, despite a double bogey on the 8th when an advertising sign deflected his drive into the rough. "I played quite well but I got a very bad break on the 8th." Langer said. "If that sign hadn't been there, which it shouldn't have, the ball would have been on the fairway. The sign was in the landing zone."

All the leading players ex-cept Faldo recorded better

rounds yesterday than they had on Thursday, when gust-ing winds played havoc with club selection, although lan Woosnam remains nine shots off the lead.

Price, who registered five birdies in his 67, the best score of the day, said he had overcome his nerves. "Today I just felt a lot more comfortable and just let my clubs do the



By the book: Rosemary Dunhill with the Hambledon's chuh's valued minute records from the late 1700s outside the Bat and Ball Inn yesterday

# Cricket chronicle paints a vivid picture

LORD'S was not always the Mecca. For a good 30 years, cricket grew to man's estate on Broadhalfpenny Down, a ground in Hampshire so eighteenth century was an adventure in itself. Such is the history of the Hambledon ciub that the Department of National Heritage holds its minute book in the same esteem as it does works by

Reynolds and Van Dyck. Cricket, after all, is art; its memorabilia of increasing value. This year the government has accepted several items in lieu of inheritance tax, the Reynolds, the Van Dyck and the minute book among them. No matter that more light is thrown on the consumption of Hambledon's subscribers than on the feats of their greatest players: the Secretary of State deemed it worth his while to

seek out the old ground

Ivo Tenuant turns the pages on the game's early days at Broadhalfpenny Down, when

disputes were resolved with a dozen claret

yesterday morning, when he presented the book to Hampshire's county archivist. Peter Brooke, coincidentally, belongs not to Hambledon but to MCC,

their greatest rivals in an age when the niceties of the game were nonetheless paramount. He handed over the book to Rosemary Dunhill at the Bat and Ball Inn, which acted as clubhouse in the time of Richard Nyren's "provokingly deceitful bowling". Hambledon's meetings were convivial affairs. A tene minute tells of "a wet day, only three members present.

nine bottles of wine". As the years went by, attendances diminished still further. The last, sad minute, in 1796, states simply: "No gentlemen." Hambledon was becoming eclipsed by MCC, founded in 1787. Evidently, there was a case then for neutral umpiring, for the book records objections by members of MCC to a Hambledon umpire's statement. "I really think the ball hit the ground, but I cannot be positive," was his judement.

There was some decisionmaking. In 1773, a "machine" was purchased from subscription money "to convey the cricketers to distant parts". Regulations were made about the pitching of wickets and players arriving

late were to be fined. In 1774, it was ordered that a cricketer making 30 runs should give up his bat for the innings. In 1781, hats were provided for the players, who were showing others the way in the improvement and variety of their bowling. Length, swerve and break all had to he enuntered. Fines were exacted in kind.

In 1774, members who con-tinued a dispute after being asked to waive the subject by the president had to forfeit "one dozen of claret" to the club. In 1782, Mr Jervoise was fined a buck for failing to observe the custom, as president, of providing venison. There was much emphasis on food, and particularly on drinking.

It was, though, owing to frailties on the field that the club was nearly disbanded in the late 1760s. A one-run victory over Surrey in 1771 proved the turning point and from then, until Ham-bledon's closure in 1796, Hambledon played All England 39 times, winning 23 of these matches. There was a notable victory at Sevenoaks in June 1777, when they won by an innings and 168 runs. The value of the book is enhanced by there being few other records of Hambledon's early years, especially since Broadhalfpenny Down is often described as

the birthplace of the game.
A sum of £39,120 was accepted in lieu of tax on the estates of Sir Alan Lubbock, a former chairman of Hampshire County Council, and his wife. The book will now be on permanent display at the county's record office in Winchester. "It has never left Hampshire and this is its natural resting place," the archivist said. "Certainly not

# Havant can call on Cross

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

EAST Grinstead's next two matches in the Pizza Express National League, at home today to Havant and away to Hounslow on December 12, will be important to their chances of winning the title as the leading contenders jostle for position at the top of the

first division. East Grinstead's middle line should be more secure by the return of their talented young wing half, Ravi Virdi, from injury today. Havant, level with East Grinstead and four points behind the leaders, Hounslow, may again have to omit the injured Cunlifie but can now call on Cross, who was absent from their attack last week. When the teams met at the end of last season, Havant virtually secured the title with a 7-1 victory.

Although Duthie had recovered from injury last week to play for Southgate, second on goal difference to Hounslow, he is unavailable for today's trip to Welton, now looking more confident after a 2-1 win

over Canterbury. Stourport's captain and goalkeeper, Steve Taylor, who pulled a harnstring in the previous match, will have a fitness test before the away game against Slough, who could prove tough opponents. Stourport, in third place, are feeling the absence of their centre half. Mark Harradine, still under suspension. His position is filled by the Welsh international. Owen Jones. and Roberts is available after recovering from injury. Stourport meet Southgate

next weekend. Except for the injured Hazlitt. Hounslow will be at full strength at home against St Albans, who were beaten 6-0 last week by East Grinstead. Teddington, who host Bournville. have a lot of ground to make up. So too have Old Loughtonians, who

visit Surbiton. Reading, five points clear at the top of the second division, are unlikely to be troubled by Old Kingstonians. Their nearest rivals, Indian Gymkhana and Barford Tigers.

should have few problems against moderate opposition.

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Beahley v Gloucester; Burton v Westerlooville; Dorchester v Cony, Dover v Moor Green; Heichresford v Caerbridge Chy, Solinul v Weymouth; Trowhording v V Altrestone; Worcester v Crewley Town. Midland division: Biston v Berri, Endignatin v Handley; Ducley v Rushder and Diamonds; Forsat Green v RC Wewtot; General v Tempor APC v Ring's Unit; Redicts v Numeron Borough; Standards v Visit; Weston-soper-Marre v Greekey. Southern division: Seldock v Harvins, Breintwe v Stitingbourne; Buckingham v Canterbury City, Bury Town v Newport Intel. Durestatio v Gravesand and Northibes.

SAEPROFF IRSH LEAGUE: Bellyviene v Belleviene Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Beneficer Benoor v Gloriforat; Carrick v Britandar Beneficer v Gloriforat; Carrick v Britandar Beneficer v Gloriforat; Carrick v Britandar Beneficer v Gloriforat; Carrick v Br

Gravesenti and norminen.
SAMPROOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bullymene v
Belhciare; Bengor v Glentorar; Carrick v
Calesine; Caligoralie v Portautoren (1.20); Dietillery v Omegh Town; Glensvon v Lame; Linfeld v Arcic; Newry v Chisaders

Linfeld V Ards, Newny v Cruewden.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES. Abergewanty v Bobw Vale; Alan Lido v Abergewanty v Bobw Vale; Alan Lido v Abergewanth; Bangor v First Town; Crasses v Carrey; Centrian v Missesse Park; Inter Cardiff v Hassefordwest (2.50); Ularrell v Bitlen Fany; Llenidose v Conselv Congress Newtonin v Mold. Postponed: Holywell v Porthmadog.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Founds round: Caerau v Cardiff (at Ninean Park).

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Absentian v Ton Ponting Bitligend v Bisenshonddia; Caldicot v Caeraor; Cardiff Civil Sorvice v Armanifort; Fenndale v Montiston; Pontypridd-Ynyleybel v Pembrole; Pont Talbot v Broon.

BASS MORTH WEST COUNTIES

Monistor: Portypridd-Ynysjoul v Persbrole; Port Tabot v Brecon.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES

LEAGUE: First division: Afherion LR v

Bamber Bridge: Blackpool Machanics v

Selford City: Bradford Park Averus v

Citheroe; Dawers v Chaddenor; Feston v

Sleckpool Rovers; Klosgowa Athletic v St

Helens; Maine Road v Esswood Herley;
Newcaste Yown v Bacup Borough; Preson:

v Burscough: Steimarsdelle v Nantwich.

GREAT Mills LEAGUE: Premier division:

Sistol Manor Ferm v Bioletor;

Chipperham v Westbury; Davistin v Tor
quey United: Bernouth v Teeron: Frome v

Cevedon; Mangotsfeld v Chard; Taurton v

Puston; Torrington v Plymouth Argyle.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES

LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham

Anhelic v Weston; Brightlingsee v Manch

Town: Great Yamouth v Tiptree; Harvish

and Parkeston v Palcenham; Helon v

Halsteed, League Cup: Preliminary-vound

replays: Carmondy Corners; Lovestoft v

Fellestowe; Newsperiest v Sudbury Town;

Somm Town Rangers; Lovestoft v

Fellestowe; Newsperiest v Sudbury Town;

Somme v Chamics

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Brigg v Writeron Rangers; Gasshoughton
We'v Density; Livestedge v Sperrymour,
Melity Miv Ponteinier Cot; North Ferribyv
Pickering; Oesett Albien v Amminope
Welfare; Sheffled v Eoclasche; Thackley v
Sockebridge PS. G and W Engineering
Cup: Lincoln United v Hampase HA.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: Frait division:
Brangham Synthonia v Blyth Sperram,
Chester-le-Streat v Brandon; Consett v
West Auckland, Essington Collegy v Stockfor; Murton v Farrylli Americ, Passibe
Newton v Durham City, Seather RS v
Guisborough; Tow Law v Hebburg, Wintelloy v
Sochthallecton.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Frast

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Fleet division: Cambridge United v Wastert;

Chedion v Southendt Chelese v Porta-mouth; Leyton Crient v Milwell; CPR v (pewidt; 10tenham v Gillinghim; West Harn v Ansarell, Second division: Col-chester v Oxford United; Crystel Palace v Bristol Povers; Luton v Brighton; Southemp-ton v Reading; Swindon v Brissol Clly, Langue, Cutz: Third round: Horwich v winnisedon; Fulfaren v Brentford.

Winnbardon, Fulharm v Brendford.

AFA SENIOR CUP: First round: Wales of Green v Old Wilsonians; MB Hill Village v Old Tiffmen; Erdield v Civil Service; Leyton County OB v Old Aloysians; Old Personians v Old Seniorations; Temeloy v Old Seniorations; Old Managem v Soutigate County.

LONDON OLD BOYS: Senior Cup: Old Dense v Latymer OB; Old Meadonians v Old Hampleonians; Old Aldenhamsens v Old Hampleonians; Old Aldenhamsens v Old Foresters.

OLD BOYS: LEAGUE: Premier distance.

Hemptoritens; Old Minchendeniane v Old Foresters.

OLD 80/3 LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey v Cardinal Manning; Glyn v Old Ignetiens.

BOLTHERN HANTELIA LEAGUE: Nemerican v South Bank Poly; Midend Bank v NetWest Bank; Kew Association v Alexandra Pank; Polytechnic v Ibis; Old Salesians v Barciana Bank; Lloyds Bank v Southquis Olympic; Alleyn OB v Methor; Old Parministras v Reigns Priony; Cusco v Burdinand; Floyal Bank Scotland v Cat Lyonians; East Barnel OS v Old West-minster Cot; Old Laymentens v Bank of England.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Practice divisions: Old Pinchistens v Old Palifopians.

ARTHURBAN LEAGUE: Practice divisions: Old Cardhusiens v Old Palifopians.

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RUGBY UNION 2.30 unless stated ADT divisional championship

London v McDands (at Wasps FC). North v South West (at Leeds RFC, 2.0)... ADT county championship First division north 

**FOOTBALL** 

Manchester United v Manchester City (all ticket, 4.0) ....

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF BRELAND: Premier division: Cork City v Waterlord (2.15); Unnerick v Shelbourne (2.15); Shem-nock Rowers v Deny City (2.15); Sigo Rowers v Bray Wandsters (2.15).

v Bray Warndeers (2.19).

BEAZER HOUSES LEAGUE Southern direktor Probe v Entrand Behvaders

WOMEN'S FA: First division norst: Millon Keynes v Nothinghern Argyle: First division south: Selection v Hassocks Beacon, WFA.

Cup: Selection Perspent v Sheffield Wed; Cougate Keelests v Wirnbedom; Wolverhampton; Hossbert v Beschield Wed; Cougate Keelests v Wirnbedom; Hossbert v Benone and Enert; Lution Town v Joanich Town; Middlesterough v Truno Coly; Leanowe Pacific v Brisch Beckweit; Abboydelle Mechanish v Amenal Libraruss; Rahmont v Coled United; Brighton v Arbert; Town and County v Disnot Line; Domaster Belles v Kooneley United; St Helens v TMT; Bromley Borough v Leyton Orien; Swinden Selection v Middleston, Wignit v Broms.

FA Cup

Second round

Premier League

Barclays League

Swindon v Derby (2.55)

Tennents Scottish Cup

Cove Rangers v Peterhead.

First division

Bath v Northampton (3.0)
Bradford v Huddersfield
(astricket, 12.0)
Hardepool v Southport (2.0)
Wycombe v West Bromwich
(all ticket, 1.30)

SECOND DIVISIONE Month Michaels v Durham (at Dudley-Kingawinford RFC); Wendclarine v Laisestarshire of Rupby RFC, 3.0). Third division: Cheshire v East Midlends (at Winnstow RFC); Notis, Linos and Durby v Stellondaine (at Newark RFC, 2.15). First division south 

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McEwan's Scottish inter-district championship

Gliagow v North and Miclands
(at Hithread Jordaniali RFC, 2.0)
South v Scotlish Exiles
(at Hawick RFC, 2.0)
LINUSHER DISTRICT CHARMONSTEP:
Gliagow v North and Miclands (at Burnbras, 11.0). Under-18: South v North and Miclands (at Burnbras, 11.0). Under-18: South v North and Miclands (at Kalso); Gliagow v Edinburgh (at Bishoppings). MANEWAYS SCOTTEN LEAGUE Third division: Langholm v Constorphine. Irish inter-provincial championship

Leingter v Munster (at Dormybrook)... Ukarer v Connacht (at Belfast) ........... Heineken Welsh Laague First division Aberavon v Pontypridd.

Aberavon v Promypritas
Cendri v Swenseis
Lienelli v Neath
Maestag v Ridgend
Newbridge v Newport
South Wales Police v Pontypool... Second division

THERO DIVISION: Abergyon v Blackwood: Bonymen v Abergyon Culter, Pontypool United v Mountain Ash. Pontyponed:

RUGBY UNION

ADT COUNTY CHAMPONSHIP: Second division count: Herbordships v Kent (et Old Merchant Taylors 1950, 2-15). Undow-21 championships Eastern Counties v Surrey (et Southend, 2-15); Herrorships v The Army fall Haward, 2-15); Herbordship v Middlesex. (et Bacewarts 1970, Stevenage, 2-15); Sussex v Kent (at Worthing, 2-15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

PROCEDY LEAGUE
PRISAL TROPHY: Second round:
Custisford v Carliste (3.30); Festivenitane v
St Heiere (3.30); Huit v Hallax (3.15); Huil
Gy v Wigna (3.15); Hunselt v Workington
(3.30); Leigh v London Cruendes (3.0);
Wiches v Roundes (3.0);
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Taind
division: Biacignool v Chodey (2.30); Develonly v Bermer (2.15); Doncealter v Bardy.
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SRITISH COAL NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE Premier division: Isberg Calic v Leigh Miners; Wigen St. Judes v Waterhead; Woolston v Develoury Moor.

BASKETBALL

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CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: More, Flat division: Oldham Colles v London Towers, Sunderland Seints v Bisminghem Bullets. Second division: Britan Toposts v Plymouth Raiders, Middlesborn Mohawis v Coserby Plyms. Women: First division: Investiv Laicester, Mattempton v Chestrer, Northempton v Chestrer, Northemp

ICE HOCKEY

Historica NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham Bombar v His Plyans, Cardiff Denda v Notangham Parthers; Humbankis: Seelawisa v Dusham Wester, Humbankis: Seelawisa v Dusham Wester, Humbankis: Seelawisa v Dusham Wester, Notarional Basis, Whitey Warrions v

Russnay v Kentig Hill; Turnble v St Pelen; | Windown v Treorphy. Club matches Aspatria v Walsell Blackheeth v Stourbridge (3.0)... Broughtnuir v Glasgow High (2.0) ...
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Broughton Park v Morley (2.15) ....
Clifton v Bristol (3.0) ....
Coversty v Wanderers (3.0) ....
Cume v Ayr (2.0) ....
Dundee HSFP v Wigdownshire (2.0) ...
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Cume v Ayr (2.0)...

Dundee HSFP v Wiglownshire (2.0)...

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Dundern v Seldirk (2.15)...

Gala v Kelso (2.0)...

Glasgow Acads v Melrose (2.0)...

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Kimarnock v Heriots FP (2.0)...

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Nottingham v Bath (3.0)...

Nottingham v Betlord (3.0)...

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Sale v Kendal (3.0)...

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Stewarts Mel FP v Betlymens (2.0)...

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Stewarts Mel FP v Betlymens (2.0)...

Watsorified v Otley

Watsorified v Colley

Watsorifiers v Edinburgh Acads (2.0)

West Hartiepool v Preston

Grasshoppers

FROWNCAL INSURANCE CUP: Fourth round: London and South East: Hellingly v Sarind. Metande: Molwer v Market Besserth, North Perhyston.

BUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY LEAGUE HUGIST LEAGUE
HEGAL TROPHY: Second round: Warringten v Brisiker's (E.O).
NATIONAL AMATEUR CHALLENGE CUP:
Flest found: Leigh MW v Walrey Central;
Dewsbury v Leigh East; Asiam v
Moldgrain; Barow Island v Radhil; Wart
Hull v Milton; Beverley v Lock Lane; Outcon
v Dudley HR; Greetland AR v Mayfield.

HOCKEY MOCKEY
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POZZA ESPRESS NATIONAL LEASUE
First division: Bromley v Carmoot
(Edenbridge, 1,30); Cartestury v Prebrands (Polio Farm, 120); East Grinsteed v
Hevent (St Hil, 2,15); Hourslow v St Albens
(Feltham School, 20); Sugh v Souther
Western School, 20; Sughs v Souther
Western School, 20; Sughs v Out
Loughtoniens (Sugden Road, 1,30);
Taddington v Boarmille (Teddington
School, 1,0); Trojens v Neston (Stoneham
Lante, Eastleigh, 1,30); Welton v Southgate

Murrayfield Recers. First division: Lee Velley Uone v Miton Keynes Kings; Sheffield Steelers v Mackway Bears. VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Dynamo London v Britannia Music (Hackvey). BADMINTON RIOYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONISHIP: First division south: Hampshire v Essex. Second di-vation north: Notinghamshire v betystire; Yorkshire v Lanceshire II. Second division south: Devon v Buckinghamshire; Kort v Sussiex.

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Per round: Are 1: Hearn Bradford v
Topspin Derington; Pums Sunderland v
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Tennis World Middlesbrough, Area 2: Edgbaston Priory v Melton Mowbray;
Watchom Alfreton v Matchpoint Bramfiel.
Area 3: Pums Welwyn v Connaught Cab;
Welwyn Soln v Harpandon, Area 4:
Listerham Norwich v Lincoln Indoor, Area 5:
Comman Berland v Remarke ON-Act;
Watch Indoor v Middlese University, Area
6: BBC v Carlton; Esting v Cusen's Cub.
Area 7: Meldistone Finness v Chris Lane
Wolling; Surrey Country Cub v Payllon and
Australe Hove. Area 8: Centrecourt
Basingstoka v Alventiche Glosport; West
Horts Bournesrouth v Melatch Point
Southempton.

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: Would matchplay tournement (Doncaster). TABLE TENNIS: English junior national championships (Chellerham). Buen Schulz HS, Hull, 1.30), Second division: Berford Tigers v Doncaster (Holyhead LC, Birmsngharm, 2.30); Breen v Gutdford (King Affred SC, Highbridge, 2.30); Brootsends v Indian Gymfelma (The Paulion, Sate, 2.0); Chelmstord v Isos (Chelmer Park, 2.0); Chelsenham v Warrington (Burnstde Schoot, Chelsenham v Warrington (Burnstde Schoot, Chelsenham, 1.16); Harieston Mapples v Harborne (Harteston HC, 1.0); Lyons v Beeston Male Flum, Suubury, 2.00]; Cell Kingsommin v Rambridge (Lensbury Ground, Teddington, 2.0); Florimond v Cambridge City (Teddington School, 2.0).

mond v Cambridge City (Teddington School, 2.0).

WOMEN'S MATIONAL LEASUE: Cition v loswich: Ealing v FP Sutton Coldield; Educative Friends of Licenser Balance V Hightown Friedwide V Concaster; Stough v Wimbledon. Second division: Blusherts v Colwelt: Cembridge City v Bradford Switherbank; Herteston Magpha v Sherwood; Sundering Bedens v Practicel; Yatin v Trojants Teast League: Anchorates v Reckristig: Bedeyheath v Centerbury; St. Albana v Syraponis: Soupnoals v Josephin; Welwyn v Berithamstad and Hernel Hampsteed. Midlends League: Loughborough v Alon; Loughborough Students v Aldridge; Tarmworth v Hampton; Welverhampton v Belger. North League: Great Harwood v Carriels; Jl Case v Chesser CO, Ormstrik Ford v Liverpoot; Rotherlok v Poystor; Welsefald v Newcestle; York v Springfields. South League: Boumenouth v Taunton West, Cresterham East Goodsen; Easter v St. Aumet; Gloucester v Weston; Pediend v BAC; Wintom v Swindon, South West Laegue: Boumenouth v Taunton West, Cresterham East Goodsen; Easter v Swenees; Newport v Panerth; Porthoawl v Cwohors.

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Cembran.

BNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMER
LEAGUE Pins division: Ben Rhydding v
Nortor; Hightown Northam v Aldersy Edge;
Sheffield v Durham Univ. Westelled v
Timperlay; York v Formby, Second division; Blackburn v Pamparinis; Knussiord v
Sanfald Banhate: Presson & Bowson;
Springfields v Liverpool Selfon; Southport v
Wgan; Stockbur v Hampais; Sunderland v
Dray; Sanfall v Hatba;

Springfields v Liverpool Setton; Southcort v Wigan; Stocklon v Hampatie; Sunderfand v Dillay; Samella v Helbox.
PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division & Anchorisma v High Wycombe; Blacklasen v Maldenhaust Boundarouth v Old Writgittans; Eastobte v Old Tauntonians; Hempeteed and Westminster v Worthing; Oxford Hawles v Lloyds Bank; Ramgarina v Astrior; Staines v Tube Hill; Weybridge Hewka v Windedon. Pramier division & Chemn v Bodestman; Charlester v Old Williamsonians; Dutwich v City of Portsmouth; Fareham v Wolding; Gore Court v Oxford Unity, Spencer v Marden Russets; Turbridge Wells v Purley; Winderster v London University; Woldingstam v Old Bordenians. Regionalis: Hampstire and Surses; Turbridge Wells v Purley; Winderster v London University; Woldingstam v Old Bordenians. Regionalis: Hampstire and Surses; Bashpstole v Martgoottam Polide; Peet v Oxford; Gote; v Old Redwindsiners; Hembel Old Boys v Barnes; Lerebury v Andover; Merton v Epoom; Old Welsoumilerns v Oueholt; Prefix v Old Mid-Whightens; Watton v Cambelley, Kent and Susses; BICO vict Holcombelens; Bognor v Tombridge; Crewborough v Heme Bay; Garvesend v Easthourne; Greenwich v Brighton; Horsham v Sevenoaks; Lawes v Rochester and Gillingham; Middend Bank v Nicksusser; Thames Poly v Old Secophamians. Middelesex, Berteshna, Buelss and Oxor: Ameritam v Aylesbury; City of Oxford v HCC; Genards Cross v Old Merchant Taylors; Hayes v Harrow; Hendon v Nezion; Wellingham; Buchnese: Surblury v Old Loughtoniens; Hempsteed v S. Albers; Reading v Old Kingstoniens; Richmond v Southgate: Surblur v Werbladder; Teddington v Hoursion. First division: Beckenham v Cheem; Dulwich v Spencer; Quiglor Covord Univ v Slough; Tulse HE v Blackheeth.

SUN LIFE WEST LEASUR: Premier division: Beckenham v Cheem; Dulwich v Spencer; Quiglor Covord Univ v Slough; Tulse HE v Blackheeth.

Weybridge: Oxford Univ v Slough; Tules Hill v Bisoldneith.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier chuston: Cewedon v Heristorit; Westbury Bentis v Biel Deven.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE? Premier chuston: Belper v Coventry and North Warwickshire; Derby v Lalcester Westelagh; Edigbeston v Otpon and West Warwickshire; Hampton in Arden v Bridgnorft; Khetse v Wordseter Norton.

NORWIGH LINDON EAST LEAGUE Pre-Bridginom; Krietse v Wordelter Norton, NORWICH UnitiON EAST LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Bishop's Storfford v Peter-borough; Broxborume v Bluehents; Bury St Edmunds v Ipswich; Derehem v Cembridge Unity, Norwich City v Crostyc Petcans v Lutter; Stevenege v Redoridge and Blord; Wast Heras v Colchester; Wiebech v Westcilik.

BASKETBALL CAFLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ment. First division: Birmingham Bullets v Oid-ham Calitics; Cheshire Jets v Sunderland Séinte: Darby Buoles v Leicestar Ridere:
Guiddord Kings v Themes Valley Tigere;
London Towers v Manchestar Gisnte:
Worthing Bess v Hemel Hempstead
Royals Second division: Soint Stars v
Documer Pantine: Was Brooks v Lastrem Lightning. Third division: Chiltene
Feathreak v Liverpool Atac; Guildford v
South London Elephente; Leicester Fetconte
v Camberley Englise; Sheffield Progras v
Sedgefield Pecom; Swindon Bonlos v
Stevenage Process: Women: First division:
Chesnie v London Jers; Lacester v
Keynes C Cats; London YMCA v Thanes
Valley; Sheffield Hatters v Northempton.
Becond division: Camberley Golden Eagle
v South Tyneside.

ICE HOCKEY HENEIGEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Brackreit Bees v Murrayfield Bases; File Flyers v Whitley Warriors; Notemphere Parthers v Durtern Wespe. First division: Besingstoke Besvers v Romford Raiders; Milton Keynes Kings v Svendon Wildosts; Slough Jeta v Tellord Tigers.

METRALLE

PINGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE Fire division: Bedfordshire v Surrey; Birminghem
v Herdordshire, Ease Me v Kent, Micdever v Hernparter Hunth, decand division:
West Youtshire v Humbersteie; Notinghamshire v Gloucestershire; Cheshire v East
Esses; McHampersteie v Northamponshire. Third division: South Staffordshire v
Werwickshire; Derbyshire v Stropshire;
Sussex v Lancashire; South Yorkshire v
East Dorset.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Marchester Unity Liberty Trephy: Group one: Warwickshire v Nottinghenshire; Yorkshire v Cumbrie. Group
her: Lancashire v Lossanwine; Durtaen v
Northamptonshire; Bedfordshire v Linconshire. Group tives: Esser v
Northamptonshire; Bedfordshire v Linconshire. Group size: Nortols v Cembridgeshire; Suffolk v Henfordshire. Group tive;
Gloucestershire v Someset: Devon v
Witshire. Group siz: Herefordshire v Dorset; Wordsstershire v Somesel. Group
teven: Berteshire v Comwell. Group
teven: Berteshire v Hampshire; Surrey v
Buckinghamshire. Group eight: Middlesex
v Kent; Oxfordshire v Sussex.
CROSS-COUNTRY: University match, Oxlord v Cembridge (Man, 716m, 3.0; women,
3m, 2.0)
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# Court of Appeal rejects Aga Khan's move over Aliysa



RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Court of Appeal yesterday rejected the Aga Khan's latest attempt to challenge the Jockey Club's disqualification of his 1989 Oaks winner, Aliysa.

In a unanimous decision, the judges decided that the ruling by racing's governing body was not open to judicial review because such an appeal procedure was confined to public law decisions of governmental bodies and

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, readily accepted that the Jockey Club regulated a significant national activity and aldescribed as public, "they are in no sense governmental".

"It would be contrary to sound and long-standing principle to extend the remedy of judicial review to such a case," he

The Jockey Club said the judgment clearly established the reme-dy for anybody participating in horse racing and aggrieved at something the Jockey Club may have done was to sue in the

"Judicial review is a remedy against government," a statement said. "The Jockey Club has never considered that it is doing the work of government in administering racing. All sporting authorities in this country will surely

welcome the fact that any remain- That is a matter for His Highness. ing doubt in this matter has now

been resolved." The verdict is likely to bring to an end the long-running legal battle between one of the world's richest men and the Jockey Club. and will, it is hoped, pave the way for behind-the-scenes discussions which will enable the Aga to feel he can race again in Britain.

In theory, the Aga can seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords. but last night that appeared unlikely. Matthew McCloy, the Aga's solicitor, said after yesterday's hearing: "The Court of Appeal indicated in my view, it is unlikely leave would be granted.

"It might be the end of the road

But it certainly is not the end of the road as far as resolving deficiencies in the drug-testing system and related disciplinary procedures. Those are maners that have to be

Aliysa was disqualified after 3-Hydroxycamphor (3-HC) was found in a post-race urine sample. The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee concluded, on the basis of under the the Harsandara Fassis of work by the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket, the 3-HC came from camphor, a banned substance. The decision was made despite scientists hired by the Aga proving for the first time that 3-HC could come from borneol, which is found in feed-stuffs and bedding.

string in December 1990 in protest at what he saw as deficiencies in Britain's drug-testing procedures. Nothing has been done to address his concerns, shared by other significant foreign owners. After a spate of "camphor positives" there have been none of late, which, to put it mildly.

Yesterday's ruling will come as a welcome relief to the Jockey Club. but the probable conclusion of the legal machinations should not be allowed to distract from the central problem which remains.

appears strange.

What would happen, for example, if one of Shaikh Mohammed's horses was found to be camphor positive after a random test, the

called into serious question? The likelihood is that his maroon and white silks would not been seen in Britain again.

☐ Geoff Hubbard has withdrawn his legal action against the Jockey Club after the disqualification of horses ridden by Adrian Maguire in January, when he wrongly claimed a conditional jockey's allowance. The Suffolk owner lost four winners, including three at the Sandown meeting of January 3. Nowell Warkins. Hubbard's solicitor, said last night that new procedures made the possibility of other conditional jockeys being caught out extremely small.

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England wing's prior commitment opens door for rivals

# Tony Underwood may rue absence from North game

Sudbury and Kirkstall winds by the ADT divisional champlonship, through the five nations' championship and busy B programme next year. Into the England tour to North America in May.

It is the same in Scotland and Ireland, where the district and provincial championships continue. In Ireland, Connacht hope to build on that remarkable 28-9 victory over Leinster last weekend.

The two countries meet in an A international three days after Christmas and, like England, undertake development tours in the summer.

Whether the developing players will receive caps against the United States and Canada is undecided, but the possibility will act as an incen-

Some will be happy just to play, including Rob Andrew, who will captain London against the Midlands on his home ground at Wasps. It still rankles with Andrew, England's stand-off half in 50 internationals, that eligibility regulations prevent him resuming his competitive club he asks, would have been his

The announcement by President F. W. De ... Klerk that South Afri-

ca's first one-person-one-vote election should take place in

1994, after an interim gov-

ernment in 1993, will have

aroused hope where once

was despair. But on a lower

plane of debate - since it's

only sport we're talking

about - it will not have been

received, one assumes, with

great whoops of joy among

tional Rugby Football Board.

year before their World Cup

tournament is due to begin in the Republic and this fixed

date should concentrate

minds in a way an open

Whoever takes over the

reins of government must

thereafter confront a disaf-

fected and volatile opposi-

tion. Order is hard to restore

and so fragile and difficult to

A delegation from Rugby

World Cup (RWC) will visit

South Africa in the new year

and will conduct a series of

meetings, to canvas opinion

and to see whether the South

African Rugby Football Union (SARFU) can dis-

When the RWC delegates

return, they will submit a report to the IRFB outlining

whether the operation re-

mains feasible. Is South Afri-

ca capable or not of holding

what is emerging as one of

sport's most prestigious

events? Are the mechanics of

the operation in place?
The RWC will consider

whether the infrastructure

Heineken League

Cardiff v Swansca

Llanelli v Neath

Aberavon v Pontypridd

Aperavon feid Buckrati, usually a tuli back, at centre after a string of injuries and restore Mike Griffiths to prop Pontyprodd play Droks at No. 8, because Michitish is required by Scottish Edles, and give Cody his first league game of the season on the wing.

Cardist vectors back Rayer (full back) and Ring (centre) for their top-of-th-dable meeting and make three revisions to the pack that helped beat Newport isst week. They expect a capacity crowd of 14,000 of the wist of a Swarres side still without Clement. Sall remains at full back and Melcatle at prop. whate Gabbs and Robert Jones return.

First division

charge its obligations.

agenda would not.

maintain.

The date is fixed exactly a

prospects of touring New Zea-land with the British Isles next summer had his business move from France to England been in the new year?

He admits, though, that a break now after ending the 1991-2 season in France in June and resuming in August is not unwelcome. Moreover, he is a wholehearted supporter of the divisional championship. "The slightly alien environment is what it's about for players," Andrew said. "It

brings them into a situation similar to international rugby, with limited time to prepare and a requirement to adapt to

different team members and playing divisions." With the exception of the divisional champions, the Midlands, today's teams have slight modifications because of injuries. One notable absentee, Tony Underwood, needs every opportunity to ensure his England wing spot against the competition offered by his

#### DIVISIONAL TEAMS

Risks involved in allocating

World Cup to South Africa

exists to support an event of

this scale. Of no small con-

sideration, for instance, is

that there is no co-ordinated

public transport system within South Africa. Moving

from one province to another

is mostly done by air.
This is as if, during the

1991 World Cup, travelling between Cardiff, Edinburgh

and London could have been

achieved only by aircraft. An influx of 15,000 visitors had

to be catered for last year.

Due to the South Africa's

obvious tourist attractions,

as much as the developing

interest in the tournament

itself, this figure will be

surpassed in three years'

C hifting these numbers

around swilly will maximum conve-

nience without an alterna-

tive means of mass conveyance is an outstand-

ing obstacle to overcome.

Such practical issues will be

The philosophising will fol-low. Bearing in mind the

present social precarious-

ness - some All Blacks were

mugged by a gang armed with machetes last summer

- and the future political

uncertainty, the way forward

becomes more indetermi-

nate and unforeseeable.

The first World Cup in
1987 was organised in 22

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hand over the top three clubs, will leaptrog Neeth if they win. Moon returns at scrum hat with Boobyer at centre, but ranks or unsymbole for Neeth because of a knee injury. Bird replaces than at centre and Kembury comes into the back

Maesteg v Bridgend
This derby forum was shared one apiece last season, but Bridgend will hope to sustain the momentum of last week's win over Newbridge. Austin and Greenslade play their first league games in the front low. Loyd returns to the back row and Wintle switches to

SW Police v Pontypool

South Water Police, bottom of the lable, suffered a further blow this week when Wakeford, their lock, was nuted out for the season with ligament damage Portypool bring back White end Hansen to the wings but have a doubt at logae head. Dibble is recovering from a grow strain and David Thomas from fur

known by the spring.

around swiftly with

**GERALD** 

DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

months. The competition is

now larger, with a commen-

surately larger organ-

isational requirement. The World Cup tournament as a

sporting event could be

moved to another country at

relatively short notice. But

the hard negotiating of com-

mercial contracts take a

The allocation of the

World Cup to South Africa,

therefore, looks increasingly like an idea which was good

at the time. But as 1995

telescopes into view, the path

is fraught with difficulties,

being South Africa's condi-

tion after the elections. Therefore, if the IRFB

continues to stand by its original decision, it could be

embarking on a strategy of

the highest risk. There are no

guarantees. By the time it knows the election result in

1994, and if this proves

adverse, it will be too late to

change. The opposition to

the venue by the Welsh

Rugby Union, a body not best known for the sagacity

with which it has conducted

its recent affairs, now app-

Members of the IRFB will

be sadder men for not going

to South Africa. But they

may be wiser men who can

be expected to sleep o'nights.

Their nerve is about to be

Rayer: back for Cardiff

ears infinitely wise.

good deal longer.

brother, Rory, and Ian Hunter, but business has taken him to the Continent.

Whether the North, who play the South and South West at Kirkstall in Leeds, choose him next week may hinge on their success today. They have Rory Underwood on the left and Nigel Heslop, the 1991 grand slam wing who hopes to regain his international place, on the right. The South West have two

fine prospects at prop. Chris Clark, the Swansea university student who has made considerable advances with the Swansea club, and John Mallett, who replaces the injured Victor Ubogu. With the addition of John Hall, preferred to Mike Teague at flanker, the South West for-wards will make an interesting study for the selectors.

So should the London pack, where Mark Russell and Richard Langhorn, better known for their back-row activities, have been named at lock.

The opening rounds of the county championship run concurrently with the divisional championship, Lancashire beginning the defence of their title against Northumberland

# Murphy sizes up task

By DAVID HANDS

GIVEN the appointment of Gerry Murphy as coach to Ireland's senior squad, the number of national coaches in the five nations' championship who were backs in their own playing days has now reached four. If Geoff Cooke, who has been such an influence on England's develop-ment, were included you could argue all five.

Should we then anticipate an explosion in exciting back play now that Murphy, once a full back. Joins Ian McGeechan of Scotland (stand-off half or centre), Alan Davies of Wales (stand-off) and Pierre Berbizier of France (scrum half)? Not really, since so much of good back play revolves around confidence and fine timing, qualities the Welsh are slowly clawing back, that worry the Scots and the French and of which Ireland's team has been

Murphy, 47, met Irish Rug-by Football Union officials this week to discuss plans for the new year, a week after the union's executive committee confirmed his appointment as successor to Ciaran Fitzgerald, who resigned after Ireland's defeat by Australia in October.

Fitzgerald and Murphy coached Ireland in New Zealand last summer but Murphy also spent time in Australia studying development programmes. "We have to maximise our resources," he said. "We feel the schools in I reland do relatively well, they can take on anyone. But we don't develop the kids enough and there is a fair amount of emigration. We need a rugby

foundation." Before that, though, Murphy's aim will be a win, any kind of win, to jolt the senior players from depression and restore self-esteem.

We need to build a little bit of confidence but it will be difficult," Murphy said. "There were a couple of good performances against the Australians, by Munster and Connacht, and there have been some good All-Ireland

League games, though they tend to be a bit negative. We just need to scab a win from somewhere - 1-0 would be caught behind by Parore. knocked off the last 36 runs. Aamir's injury means that

Something to celebrate: Aamir Sohail has just had Richardson caught off his bowling

the Pakistanis have only 13 of their 15-strong squad available for the next match, against Australia in Hobart on Thursday, for Aaqib Javed is still recovering from a stress fracture in his back, an injury which flared up in a practice

match six days ago.

The doctor told me the thigh could be better tomorrow or it could take as long as 14 days," Aamir said. "We won't know just how bad it is for a couple of days but I definitely think I will miss the

next game."

Azmir, who bowled eight overs during the West Indies innings, strained his thigh while attempting to run out Carl Hooper and had to bat with a runner during his brief stay at the crease.

Hooper, who damaged a calf muscle, also had to use a

**Bowlers excel for Pakistan** to bowl when Pakistan batted.

Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 8, nb 4) \_\_\_\_\_

PANSTAN
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Ramiz Raja c Murray b Benjamin ,
Salmi Mellik c Murray b Benjamin ,
Jawed Mishidad noi out
Inzaman-J-Hag c Lara b Hooper
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FALL OF WICKETS. 1-8, 2-82, 3-102, 4-157,
5-163

BOMLING. Ambrose 9.2-2-30-0 (2 w), Bishop 10-1-34-1 (1 nb. 1 w); Cummins 10-0-41-0 (4 nb), Benjamin 10-0-46-2 (5 nb), Hooper 10-0-44-1

CRICKET

# Ten tons to film **England**

ment will follow the England :: team round India this winter when the Test series will be 😘 shown live in British homes for the first time.

The producer, Gary Frances, said: "It's the biggest adventure I've ever undertaken. We are treading where no TV cricket man has gone

With a tight schedule and huge distances, TransWorld International, which is transmitting three Tests and six one-day games for BSkyB, has hired a former Indian Air Force cargo plane to ferry the hardware during their seven-

Frances says: "Five tons of TV equipment and a five-ton earth station will be loaded on 3 to the plane after each match and then taken from the airports to the grounds on trailers." Frances claimed a television first when he sent back pictures from the Eng-land series in West Indies two

years ago.
"We only had to use the earth station briefly in West Indies, but this time we need it for every match," he said. "It means we have to carry round ... more than 100 boxes as well 🚉 as taking 35 crew, the biggest cricket team ever to leave this

The cost of the whole operation is going to be huge. Not quite as much as the filming of Gandhi - but far bigger than the series from West Indies."

David Gower, controversially left out of the tour party, will be one of the commentators, with Geoff Boycott, and Snil Gavaskar, the former Indian

£71,000 last year, made a turnaround of more than £90.000 last summer to show a profit of £20,046. An increase of almost £50,000 in the TCCB's allocation, now

tive, said: "The profit was less than we had hoped to ...

The accounts reveal total liabilities of more than £1 million, but the county's delicate financial situation is expected to improve when a new development at the county ground goes ahead and they receive a £200,000 windfall from the will of a local farmer. Chris Smith, the former Hampshire and England batsman, has been appointed the chief executive of the Western Australian Cricket Association based in Perth. South African-born Smith, 34, retired from Hampshire in 1991 and emigrated to Australia to become marketing manager of the WACA the week after helping Hampshire reach the semi-final of the Natwest Trophy, which they went on to win.

Smith played in only eight " Tests for England, but made more than 15,000 runs with 41 centuries in 12 years with Hampshire. He is the brother of Robin Smith, the Test

# Pringle strikes back for New Zealand

Colombo: A downpour Gurusinha fell to a spectacular stant pressure, with Kalpage, washed out the first one-day catch by Harris, running back the off spinner, particularly international between New from extra cover. Zealand and Sri Lanka here Martin Crowe, the New yesterday when the game was Zealand captain, later ex-

Perth: Pakistan made a con-

vincing start to the World

Series Cup triangular tourna-

ment with a five-wicket victory

over West Indies at the WACA

with four balls to spare and

was clouded by an injury to the

opening batsman, Aamir Sohail, who strained a thigh

muscle, an injury which makes him doubtful for the

three matches remaining be-

fore the competition enters a

month-long recess.

Outstanding bowling from Waqar Younis, Wasim Akram and Mushtaq Ahmed helped

Pakistan restrict West Indies

to 197 for nine from their 50

overs. Brian Lara was the top

scorer with 59, a figure

matched by Javed Miandad,

who was at the helm during

the closing stages of Pakistan's

Akram won the man of the

match award, following his

However, the win achieved

ground here yesterday.

at an interesting stage in the floodlit Khettara Stadium. pressed his unwillingness to take his team out, because of Sri Lanka, pursuing a vicground conditions while his tory target of 167 in 50 overs. opposite number, Ranatunga, were 41 for two when the rain described the decision to abancame, with Mahanama and don the match as "very funde Silva trying to repair the ny". But the umpires ruled damage caused by Chris that the outfield was too Pringle, who had taken both slippery to allow further play. Sri Lanka's bowlers, backed wickets in the space of three balls. He had Hathurusinghe by excellent ground fielding, kept the batsmen under con-

effective on a slow pitch.

The New Zealand seam bowler, Michael Owens, who was struck in the face by a ball during a practice session, may miss the second Test, which STAITS TOMOTTOW, NEW ZEALAND

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# din. Miinnehoma ready to spark another big double for Pipe

MARTIN Pipe had a profitable time on the corresponding day last year when he won the two most valuable races at Chepstow and Sandown with Carvill's Hill and Balasani respectively.

Now the champion trainer looks capable of repeating the achievement with Minne-homa (2.05) and Valfinet

Milinnehoma, the best staying novice chaser last season and already many people's idea of the likely Cheltenham Gold Cup winner next March, begins another campaign by contesting the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow,

He will be one of three runners Pipe saddles for the race, Bonanza Boy and Run For Free being the other two. Significantly, Peter Scudamore rides Münnehoma even though he has not

run this season. Scudamore has already tested the water on his stable companion Run For Free when they beat the subsequent Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup runner-up, Jodami, to win the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase on his first outing at Haydock last month.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

In the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham, Run For Free finished ten-and-a-half lengths in third place behind Minnehoma at level weights. On only 6lb better terms, he should not be able to account

for a fit and clearly fancied Miinnehoma this afternoon, If he is to have any chance of winning the Gold Cup. Miinnehoma must now make telling use of the 20lb he receives from Cool Ground, last season's Gold Cup winner. Cool Ground was recently a faller at Aintree.

Capability Brown (2.35), who has won three times over today's course and distance, and The Black Monk (3.05) are other likely winners for Pipe and Scudamore on the Welsh track

At Sandown, Valfinet is napped to win the William Hill Handicap Hurdle.

Apart from winning it last year with Balasani, Martin Pipe also plundered the prize in 1988 with Corporal Clinger

12.30 Snowy Lane.

1.00 Danny Harrold.

2.35 Capability Brown. 3.05 The Black Monk.

1.30 Farm Week. 2.05 MINNEHOMA (nap).

and the following year with

Jenny Pinnan, who interrupted the sequence by winning the 1990 running with Wonder Man, now fields Egypt Mill Prince, who was also engaged in the Henry VIII Novices' Chase.

I prefer Valfinet since his first winning run of the season at Cheltenham appeared to hold out such great hopes for the future.

While he has been penalised 4lb for today's race, the handicapper has increased his rating to 20lb for future events. In contrast, Easy Buck now meets Jopanini on 8lb worse terms for that three-length deficit at Ascot a fortnight ago. Waterloo Boy, who won the Mitsubishi Shogun Tingle Creek Trophy carrying 11st 13lb last year, now has only an additional pound to carry.

However, in receipt of 10lb, Uncle Ernie will surely prove dangerous since he was threatening Remittance Man at Huntingdon recently until the last fence proved his downfall. Incidentally, Uncle Emie was only four lengths behind Waterloo Boy at Newbury last February at level weights. New series draws the rising stars

THE Times is launching an exciting £24,000 hunter chase series in the new

The Times Rising Stars series will have eight qualifying races, starting at Towcester on February 16 and leading up to the £10,000 grand final at

Worcester on April 14. The series will give top point-to-pointers the chance to compete against hunter-chasers for prizemoney considerably greater than that allowed in point-to-points.

In sponsoring the Rising Stars series, The Times moves to the top end of the hunter chase scale after successfully promoting its restricted point-to-point championship series for six The aim is to attract the

best point-to-pointers in the six to eight-year-old At the time of starting, horses must be qualified to run in a point-to-point, a unique condition in hunter

chases. Percy Tory, the chairman of the Point-to-Point Owners' Association, said: "This is a development which will be welcomed by all owners, and should ensure an en-



thusiastic response to the

After Towcester on February 16, seven other qualifiers will be run:
Sedgefield, February 23;
Kelso, March 5; Bangor,
March 10; Lingfield,
March 19; Nottingham,
March 23; Toutton Ann. March 23; Taunton, April 1; Ludlow, April 7; with the final at Worcester on April

To ensure a good field for the final, which would be limited to an entry of 24 if only placed horses were eligible, any horse that has taken part in a qualifying race may enter.

Winners of these earlier races will be guaranteed a run if a ballot is necessary, and horses which finished second and third will be the last to be climinated.

MANDARIN

12.25 Now Your Talkin.

12.56 Black Humour.

1,25 Wonder Man.

3.00 Uncle Ernie. 3.30 Run Up The Flag.

1.55 Big Beat, 2.30 VALFINET (nap).

SANDOWN FARK

RICHARD EVANS: 12.25 Now Your Talkin. 3.00 Deep Sensation.

12.25 CROWNGAP WINTER HOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: 26,370: 2m 6f) (4 numers)

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103 11P145 GAELSTROM 7 (E.S.) (Mas J Powell) N Teiston-Davice 5-11-2
184 664-P3 CARDONAL RED 16 (0.0.5), (Mas F Weight) Was F Weightyn 5-511-0

BETTING: 5-4 New Your Tables, 6-4 Gasistom, 7-2 Gan Lochan, 14-1 Cardinal Red.
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BETTING: 4-7 Wander Mus. 2-1 Billy Battguts. 6-1 Peuce Officer, 25-1 Pochester.

1.55 THAMES VALLEY EGGS NOVICES HANDICAP

HURDLE (£4,970: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1.25 HENRY VIII NOVICES CHASE

(Grade II: £7,500: 2m) (4 runners)

BETTING: 15-8 Country Manufact, 9-4 Black Hannour, 11-4 Calabrina, 10-1 Anastron, 12-1 others, 1991; 40 LERRINGSPRINCERS BALE.

12.55 SMUDGER BIRTHDAY CHASE (£4,719: 3m 110yd) (7 runners)

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GOING: SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES (CHASE COURSE); HEAVY, BACK STRAIGHT SOFT (HURDLES)

# Stephenson's death casts giant shadow on racing

By MICHARL SEELY

He was the first man to train

100 National Hunt winners

in a season, saddling 114

during the 1969-70 cam-

paign. He went on to repeat

the feat six times in the next

trainer's most important suc-

cess came when The Thinker

won the 1987 Cheltenham

YESTERDAY, the racing world was mourning Arthur er and amateur jockey before Stephenson, the legendary he took out his first full National Hunt trainer from training licence in 1959. Ste-County Durham, who died in phenson tasted his first bighospital on Thursday night race success when Kinmont after a long illness. He was 72. Wullie won the 1961 Scottish National.

Not for nothing was this remarkable character known as the iron man of Leasingthorne. Even in a sport where no quarter is asked and none given, his toughness and dedication were a byword. He was hard on his jockeys, hard on his horses but, above all, he never spared himself.

Peter Greenall, managing director of Greenall Whitley and chairman of Aintree racecourse, was twice champion amateur jockey and had numerous successes such as The Boy and Timmie's Battle, which were found for him and trained by Stephenson.

Greenall said yesterday: "It's the end of an era. We had some great times. He was tough and he expected those around him to be the same." Chris Grant, the stable jock-ey, whose wife, Dawn, died in

October after a long battle with cancer, commented: "The boss always used to say to me how tough Dawn was, but there was no one tougher than Arthur. If you ever had any problems, he was always there to help you."

12.25 Now Your Talkin.

12.55 Black Humour.

1.25 Wonder Man.

1.55 Cambo.

230 Valfinet.

3.00 Uncle Emig.

3.30 Meilcom.

Gold Cup. Typically, Stephen-son was close to home at A fearless point-to-point rid-Hexham, where he was supervising Succeeded to win a modest three-mile chase.

He was a dynamo of restless energy. He made an unforgettable sight as he bustled round the racecourse, with a tweed cap pulled firmly down over the piercing eyes, the high-coloured features and aqualine nose.

He was somehow reminiscent of an old-time border During his career he sent out over 3,000 winners. The raider about to pounce, and often the bookmakers were his intended victims.

An intensely private man. he shunned publicity. "Little fish are sweet" was his favourhe saying when one of his horses had won a minor race. He detested being quizzed about his future intentions. "Nay, lad" he used to say, "you

know me, no plans."

Above all, Stephenson was a stockman and wheeler-dealer, running a 1,000-acre farm. Apparently, up to within a few minutes of his death, Stephenson was still planning future campaigns for his

Stephenson's nephew, Peter Cheesbrough, has been granted a temporary training licence to continue the stable

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# CHEPSTOW

MANDARIN

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The Times Private Handicepper's top rating: 2.05 MilNNEHOMA.

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4 652U21- MADRAL 194 (F) (F Stood) R Saler 4-10-4.
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6 09/3105- MISSICAL MIDWARCH 317 (B) (S Willbord) O Strom 6-10-0.
7 41P-652 MOHSL 13 (D,P) (B Lowley P Murphly 5-10-0.
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1.00 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,687: 2m 3f 110yds) (5 numers) 

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DAMMY MARROLD 3' 2nd of 10 to Design Temperature in the grade 8 H & 1' Walter Class at Associ (2m 3) (2m 110yd, good to set); ISLE-C-VALLA 41 2nd of 10 to Love On The Rocks in a morten lambdap of the Chernytine in a class at Utimeter on perunimatin start (2m 5), good). GRAMSE BRAKE 81 3nd of 7 to Selection: GRAMY MARROLD

BBC1 1.30 JACK BROWN HANDICAP CHASE (£4,337: 3m 2f 110yds) (12 runners) [£4,337\* 3ft 2/ T1UyOS) (12 Itsuliers)

1 BBP/7-3 CLSHRISTOWN 18 (BF G.S) (S Licer) M Pipe 9-12-0.

2 1093-3 WODDGATE 32 (C.D.G.S) (S Sainsbary) T Forsiar 11-11-4.

3 2246-4 JUST 50 16 (C.S.) H Cole) H Cole 9-11-4.

4 2113F-1 CALABRESE 10 (B.C.D.F.S.S) (Maiss A Fayer) M Henderson 7-11-4.

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4 2113F-1 CALABRESE 10 (B.C.D.F.S.S) (Maiss A Fayer) M Henderson 7-11-4.

5 2313-4 YRAGAUS 31 (C.D.G.S.) (M March) D Bardos 10-10-12.

H Device 63

5 22512- SEA SLAND 259 (C.BF.G.S.) (R Henrol) M Pipe 8-10-11.

5 3371024 FARM WEEK 15 (D.F.G.S.) (Lost Chebrods) G Balding 10-10-1.

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11 1753-34 POP SONG 7 (D.F.S.) (G Roo) G Ros 8-10-0.

R Device (7) 63

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pood). SEA SLAND 3/41 2nd of 19 to Dilet in a libraticap chase at Challenham 22s 44, good). SLANEPAM 7ALBOT best Salpanande. Ale a head in an 11-numer handlesp chase at Statland (3m 44, good). DEFECT 10/41 3rd of 17 to Avocalum in a handlesp chase at Windson (3m, soft). Salection: SUMSEAM TALBOT

2.05 REHEARSAL CHASE (Limited handicap: Grade II; £15,970; 3m) (4 runners) 1 0/10-4F COOL GROUND 14 (BF.C.D 6.5) (Whitcombe Mapor ) & Baiting 19-17-13. A Mingaire 2 14/111- Mapuse-HOMA 258 (CO.F.G.S) (F Sur) M Pee 9-10-7. P Seedamate 3 444/09- BOMANCA BOY 245 (CD.F.G.S) (Airs M Minke) M Pee 11-10-7. H Danke 4 11133-1 RUN FOR FREE 17 (C.O.F.G.S) (Mrs M Freelby) M Pee 8-18-7. N Perotic

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2.35 PAULINE RICKETTS 58th CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,576; 3m) (9 runners)

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3.05 GOOD LUCK SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-0: £1,492: 2m 4f 110yds) 7 numers)

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3.35 grunwick championship stakes national hunt flat race (24,464: 2m 110yds) (11 runners)

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HERROLE (£4,970; 2m 110yd) (14 runners)
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402 40-11 BALLY CLOMER 21 (D.E.S) (Abs S Watch) J Cillions 5-12-3 P Mide (7) 90
403 400-112 JAMES THE REST 16 (B.J.S) (D Microsh) P Michols 5-11-12 R Durwoody 92
404 102-251 FMR BROTHER 9 (D.S) (Abs S Watch) D Maxwy-Smith 6-11-4 J White 97
406 307-1 BB BEAT 12 (5) (R Rechards) D Baroch 4-11-4 P P Mide (8)
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411 654-345 LARK REST 6 (BS) (P Burst) C Weeton 4-10-9 B Carrond (3) 83
412 699-248 CROWN BALADEE TOBE (6) Therspoon M Uniter 5-10-0 B Carrond (3) 83
413 0-44-943 TRUNCER BUS 14 (C Whighly A Lartes 4-10-0 W Marston (5) 81
414 39-4469 ALWAYS ALLED 15 13 Lowerh J Joseph 4-10-0 B Carrond 8-13.
BETTENS: 3-1 Mariti's Lawn, 9-2 80 Bard. 5-1 Bully Clover, 11-2 Pain Brother, 8-1 James The Finit, 10-1 Cambo, Carriage Rebul, 16-1 Royal Piper, 20-7 Solell Darroer, 35-1 olibers.

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2.30 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade III: £20,750: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

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3.00 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TINGLE CREEK TROPHY

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3.30 DOUG BARROTT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,551: 2m 6f) (8 numers) 

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** J Lower N Marin M Dayer M Pitman M Richards B & Hase

# Hopes rise as rain abates

HOPES are high that today's three meetings will go ahead. Sandown was passed fit after a 2pm inspection and unless there is heavy rain the pro-gramme should take place. Nick Cheyne, the clerk of f the course, said: "The forecast is basically dry and no further

inspections are planned." At Chepstow, clerk Rodger Farrant reported the track raccable yesterday. "Unsettled weather is forecast but there will be no inspection unless there is further heavy rain." Wetherby's meeting was never seriously threatened but the fourth scheduled fixture.

Toweester, was abandoned on Thursday. There are no problems for Monday's two meetings at Edinburgh (good) and Warwick (soft, heavy patches).

Racing next week MONDAY: Warwick, Edinburgh.
TUESDAY: Sedgehold, Plumpton, Market Rason.
WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park, Worcesier, Lingfield Park (All-weather).
THURSDAY: Haydock Pork, Taunton,
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FRIDAY: Chettenham, Donesster, SATURDAY: Cheltonham, Doncastor, Eanburgh, Lingüeld Park (Flat meetings in bold)

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12.45 Eurotwist. 1.15 Wind Force. 1.45 Abbot Of Furness. 2.15 Dawson City. 2.45 Nos Na Gaoithe. 3.15 THUNDERER 12.45 Eurotwist, 1.15 Merry Master, 1.45 Cheerful Times, 2.15 Dawson City, 2.45 Old Applejack, 3.15

RICHARD EVANS: 3,15 THISTLE MONARCH (nep). GOING: SOFT

12.45 THORP ARCH NOVICES NURDLE

(3-Y-0: £2,075: 2m) (11 runners) OF E.C. (17 S. 201) (17 Total Color of the C 5-2 Scagual Hollow, 3-1 Europeist, 4-1 Eign, 7-1 Very Evident, 8-1 others,

5 WHARFE HANDICAP CHAIR (£7,078: 3m 110yd) (10)

(£7,078: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 3P-5 REPEAT THE DOSE 22 (F.8.5) T Etherington 7-12-8 6 MicCourt
2 1112 WARD FORCE 9 (C.D.B.F.S) 6 Richards 7-11-5 M Dosephy
3 IL-11 MERRY MASTER 36 (CD.F.S.5) A Marriage B-11-6
4 F-2U SDOMER STILL 20 (C.D.F.6.5) I Schwerds B-11-4 N Williamson
5 213- SENATOR SRUGHT 277 (CD.E.S) MW Especify 7 10-12
6 3/6-0 ZISKO 29 (D.F.G.5) Mes S Societ 11-10-12 P Rivers
7 PUSS HANDY TRICK 12 (CD.F.S.5) Mis N Bell 21-10-0 C Carpal
8 4044 PACIFIC SOURCE 9 (G.S.5) Mis S Small 11-10-0 C Carpal
9 PV22 GRADBE 7 (G.S.) Mis T Small 9-10-0 L Carbagnat
10 5-22 BUCKLE 17 UP 15 (D.S.) A Machington 7-10-0 Nr D Miscongilant
3-1 Meny Missier, 4-1 Wind Force, 5-1 Source Sax, Repeat The Dose, 7-1 others.

1.45 ATS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,976: 2m) (6) 

9 POD MOUNTAIN TRANSPORT 14 (20.5.6) N Traile 9-11-0 G MCCIne 4 3-04 POLISHING 7 (20.5.5) N Humbord 5-15-10 P Piles 5 14-P SANTRAPAY 17 (20.5.5.5) N Humbord 5-15-0 N Williamon 6 014- VITAL WITHESS 2PI (5) R Horgen 5-10-8 A 5 Sontin 8-4 Julius Cl. Furness, 3-1 Channel Towns, 4-1 Species, Polishing, 7-1 offices. 2.15 DICK WARDEN MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE 3 DEVONBALE May H Bull 6-11-0 6 Mcl 4 OF FRED XELLY 7 B Robwell 6-11-0 8 B S 2-5 Dances City, 11-4 Affair's Mindel, 25-1 Food Relly, 25-1 Developile.

2.45 EMMEROALE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,522: 2m 5f) (7)

3-1 Loyarvirus, 4-1 Black Spor, 9-2 Nov Rs. Banabe, 5-1 Windowsk, 6-1 Old Applepers, 6-1 Young Born, 14-1 Autor Radians,

5-4 Thiele Monarch, 7-2 T You Say So, 6-1 Class Minage, 16-1 King Of Suel Carlle Crost, 12-1 Brakher Laz, 28-7 others.

3.15 WALSRFORD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,145: 3m 1f) (10) 1 -\$41 F YOU SAY SO 31 (6) Mr P Chambrings 6-11-4 1 -941 IF YOU SAY 3D 31 (6) Mr P Commitment 6-11-4
Mr A Thornton (5)
2 2-91 THISTLE MONANCH 9 (5) 6 Rickents 7-11-4
Mr A Thornton (5)
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7 PP ROAD TO THE WEST 15 Not 5 Resemble 5-10-12
J Braske (7)
8 URPY KEON (65-4) Jacket 7-10-7
9 45-5 LUDY SLAKEDEY 11 8 Rothers 5-10-7
9 COPP LUCKY HARVEST 3-45 Not A Racket 5-10-7
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10 COPP LUCKY HARVEST 3-45 Not A Racket 5-10-7
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Michael Morris still hopes his chaser will one day win a

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: J Cheriton, 5 workers from 17 natures. 29.4% & Richalds. 25 from 110, 22.7%; J Mackle, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Mac V Accomby, 4 from 20, 20.0%; K Morgan, 10 from 52, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: 6 McCourt. 21 winners from 91 sides. 22.3%, N Daughly, 14 from 64, 21.5%; L Wyer, 22 from 105, 21.6%; A S Small, 5 from 29, 17.2%; P Niven, 23 from 140, 16.4%; (Only qualifiers).

# Cahervillahow to top bill at Punchestown

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

been an unlucky horse, with a career that has been dogged by disqualification and injury. He is the winner of only five steeplechases but still heads the Irish handicap.

Cheltenham Gold Cup and if those aspirations are to be realised, he should win the IrE20,000 Durkan Brothers International Punchestown Chase tomorrow. On his last outing Cahervillahow was lying second when coming down be-

fore halfway in a contest which eventually was won by Rich-

ard Dunwoody's mount, Jamalade. In third place then was Garamycin, who won the Punchestown Chase last year.

CAHERVILLAHOW has pleting a double for whereas been an unlucky horse, with a he rated Cahervillahow 3lb superior at Fairyhouse, under the conditions here he receives Another fancied runner is

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General Idea, who finished fourth to Tipping Tim in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham, but he would prefer better ground. An enormous Irish gamble on Tiananmen Square went astray at Cheltenham in March when he was beaten by

his compatriot Montelado in

the Tote bumper.

Subsequently, Tiananmen Square reversed the placings in another flat race encounter with Montelado. He is an exciting recruit to jumping. who makes his debut over hurdles at Fairyhouse this afternoon. Those who have The handicapper dearly does seen him school have been not fancy his chance of com- much impressed.

YESTERDAY'S RESULES

(pu), 9 mn. 8l, 2%l, %l, 20l, 3%l, N Twiston-Davies at Chetenham, Yote: 25.40; 61.80, 61.70, 61.80 DF 67.10 GSF 617.82, Tricast 675.87. Nottingham Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles), soft after 1 00 race Goong: good to stort (crisse courses; son fundles), soft after 10 prace

12.30 (2m Indies 1, BOOGIE BOPPER (M Foster, 15-8 fact); 2, Grand Fellow (Terwa Braybrook, 33-1); 3, Pondered Bid (M Hourigan, 25-1) ALSO RAN: 5-2 Fundleghe (pu), 9-2 Strational Lurby (pu), 11 Mettermoth (481), 14 Colwey Prince, 20 Golden Ancore, 25 Lung Lane Lady, Recording Contract (5th), 30 Cheghese, Emme Victoria, Lord Triby, 15 ran. 291, 11, ril, 15, 15 M Pipe at Wellington. Tota: 23 70; 22-10, c17-20, DS.60, DF- C142.00. CSF, SS-31. Auction details: Winner bought in for 6,000 prac.

1.00 (2m ctr) 1, SATTORIUS (M Dayer, 4-5 fact); 3, Artical (R) Duracody, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Mere Class (ft), 33 Gelity Bay (pu), 50 Goldfinger (4th), 8 ran. 10, 15, 44 Thompson Jones at Upper Lemborn. Tota: S3.10; C1 40, c1.70. DF, 52.10 CSF: 55 32.

91.70. DF. B2.10 CSF: 55.32.

1.30 (2m sf 110yd ch) 1, LE PICCOLAGE (R Durwoody, 1-2 fac, Mandanin's nep & Private Handcapper's top rating); 2, On Your Way Mr W Morgan, 50-17, 3, Dianes Deatiny (R Supple, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Half Brother (p.0.), 12 Royal Cader (4th), 20 Solicator's Choice (5th), 25 Bit And Coup (6th), 7 ran. NP: Ardenoney Child 3, Mr. 101, dist, 21 N Hendelson at Lamboum. Tote: \$1.70; \$1.30.

85.50. DF: £45.70. CSF: £19.83. Thicast: £151.05.

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2.05 (2m hdb) 1. TALIFIAN PRINCESS (Diene Ciay, 8-1); 2. And Me (P Niven, 2-1 fey); 3. Russian Vision (H Devies, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Have A Nighteep (Brit), 8-ful Signi (Siri), 20 Coloniel Beauty (pu), 25 Mistic Gien (4th), 7 m. NR: Mortagne, Dubin Indermity, Snapne Meidel, 244, 7, 12, 254, 8, W Cay at Storle-on-Timent Toke, 98.80; 62-00, 61.80. DF-28-60 CSF: 623.86.

28 of CSF: 223.66.
2.85 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, EMILY'S STAR (C Lewellyn, 8-1); 2, Shitson Lane (N Williamson, 65-40 (sw); 3, Lady Remainder (B Storey, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Nesséeld (4th), 8 Letteriore (6th), 14 Memors Logend (5th), 25 Ouisi Dewn (ur), Pendons'e Prize (ur), 40 Nutacre

275.87.
3.05 (3m 4l hote) 1. FURIRY BABY (R Gamby, 6-1: Thunderer's map); 2. Potenton's Pride (Diene Clay, 7-2 lay!; 3. Mick's Tycon (P Saudamer, 5-1). ALO RAN: 6 Cebp Bresze (Sith), 8 Cosans (4th), 9 Gymorak Gamble, Pary Wed, 10 Thamssown Tootse, 12 Landser Cets, 16 Bahvan Queen, 33 Tap Dancing Jou), 17 tan 34, 201, 8, 341, 121. M Auson et Newton, Tote: 05-40; 21-60, 63-20, 62-30, DE: 220,00 CSF: 227-00. Yeacer £106.23. 2.35 (2m hdie) 1. JOKESTER (J Kaueragh, 2-1); 2. Cardinal Bird (M Perrell, 11-1); 3. Just (P. Scudarore, 11-10 tav) ALSO PAN. 17 Debicmbo (5m), 14 Sant Cel (6m), 16 Che And Elia (4m), 20 Trensade Valour (pu), 25 Nowthisi (pu), 8 ran. NR; Rain-N. Sun. 18; 4h hd, 5, 1%, 4t. C Nash at Wartage, Tota: 23.00; 21:10, 21:80, 25; 50. DF, 21:30, CSF, 122.29 Treast: C31 77. Piscapot: 29,10.



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# Football's rebel with applause rides on in search of his niche

ith George Best, Denis Law, Mark Pearson, man Whiteside in their pantheon. Manchester United are used to forwards of great talent but often fiery personality. It remains to be seen whether their past experi-ences have prepared them for Eric Cantona, the enfant terrible of French football, who begins his United career tomorrow in the heated environment of a

Manchester derby.

Cantona moved to United a week ago from Leeds, where he had quickly become a folk hero, bringing a Gallic flair to the workaday team that had won the Football League championship. Norably, he left a heartbroken support behind him.

The move to Leeds's greatest rivals only exacerbated the dismay in West Yorkshire. But as well as sublime talent, which has led to him being dubbed "the Gallic Gazza", he leaves a trail of discord in his wake from earlier days. United, with their history of welcoming maverick stars, have taken a gamble that they will provide the stage on which his undoubted talent can flourish.

As the minimal fee for his transfer, just over £1 million, suggests, it is a gamble. There are two areas of doubt, the footballer and the man. Nobody questions Cantona's ability, but there is a lingering doubt about his effectiveness, particularly in dealing with the demands English football makes of its forwards.

"After just two or three days in training, I knew we were witnessing a player of special natural talents." Howard Wilkinson wrote in his recent autobiography, add-ing that because of the "funda-mental problem of playing styles", Cantona's chances of succeeding in English football were less than

· A more damning conclusion came from Michel Platini, at the end of his spell as manager of France, Platini, who had restored Cantona to the national team. began to query his contribution when the chips were down. Cantona being a particular disappointment in the European championship.

Although Platini made no criticisms on the record, he reportedly told his confidents in the French football press: "He is a big player in small matches, but a small player in big matches." Recent events suggest Wilkinson eventualcame to a similar condusion, although Alex Ferguson, his new manager, believed that Cantona was Leeds's best player in their European Cup matches with

That may be overstating the case, but certainly he provided the only serious threat to Goram in the second match at Elland Road, and had his finishing matched his ability to fashion chances for himself in that game, there is little doubt that he would now be the toast of Leeds, rather than carrying the can for their poor run.

But that aside, there were undoubtedly footballing reasons for Wilkinson's decision. Although 6ft, Cantona is slimly built and his

With his brooding looks, arrogance and volatile temperament, he is football's James Dean ... all jeans and black leather

skills and imagination make him far from the usual English target man, but, playing him alongside Chapman, another six-footer, encouraged Leeds to follow "route one". That will not happen at United and Ferguson is convinced that his team's more cultured, creative style of play will suit Cantona better than Leeds's typi-

cally English, style.
"We play differently to Leeds." Ferguson said, leaving little doubt that he expected Cantona to find the United style to his liking. He is equally certain about the player's ability to add an extra dash to United's attrack.

"He threatens space, you saw with that early break against Rangers, he goes for the gaps," Ferguson said. "The most importent thing is that he has tremendous ability. I hope we can add to that, because at this club I think he has the potential to become a real

encouraging signs even in Eusebio's testimonial match in the glorious Estadio da Luz on Tuesday. United did not have a single shot on target as they went through the motions at half pace, Hughes and Cantona looked to be on the same wavelength, some-thing which many of Hughes's previous partners searched for in vain over long periods.

But if the jury is still out on Cantona the footballer, there is hardly more than one opinion about Cantona the man, particularly in the conservative, often unimaginative world of professional football. "Il est fou," was the immediate response of three French journalists who knew him from different periods during his career in France, a spell littered with rows, fights and suspensions.

With his dark, brooding looks, arrogance and volatile temperament, he is football's James Dean, or, as a Frenchman, perhaps an Alain Delon character, all jeans and black leather, riding moodily on a motorcycle through the streets of his native Marseille. In English football, players who admire Rambo are not unusual; players who admire Rimbaud and write poetry are likely to be regarded slack-jawed incomprehension. Even in French football, they

are likely to be looked at askance. Cantons, though, sometimes looks as if he has dedicated himself to living out Rimbaud's surrealism and alienation. At only 26, he has had eight clubs (not counting his short period on trial with Sheffield Wednesday) in as many years. He began sedately enough, with Auxerre, returning there for a second spell after a brief sojourn at the second division dub, Martigues. But from then on his troubles came thick and fast.

In 1988 there was a year-long suspension from the national team for describing Henri Michel, the manager, as a bag of excrement; there were fights with team-mates at Montpellier and Auxerre; at Marseilles, he was suspended for throwing his shirt on the ground during a friendly.

Perhaps most famous of all was his experience at Nimes, his last club before he arrived in England. Suspended for a month for throwing the ball at the referee, his appearance before a French foot-ball association disciplinary panel has gone into popular folklore. As sentence was passed, Cantona passed his own judgment: "Idiot". Asked to repeat the point, he



walked up to each of them in turn and screamed "Idiot". The ban of one month was doubled, and he promptly announced his retirement, to be rescued initially by Sheffield Wednesday.

That failed to come to fruition, as Cantona walked out in high dudgeon when Trevor Francis, the ciub's manager, wanted to extend his trial period. "A leetle problem blew up," Cantona explained in a familiar phrase.

By comparison, things were quiet at Elland Road. Initially, unlikely as it appears, it seemed as if the enfant terrible had found his spiritual home among the dour Yorkshiremen, while his wife and

With Ski Sunday upon us once more, Jasper

Rees examines what makes David Vine

son settled happily after all the unheaval in France.

He played a bit-part, but a significant one, in Leeds's run-in to the championship last season. scoring three goals and lighting up Elland Road with flashes of bravura. The supporters fell in thrall to his skill and brooding presence—chants of "Ooh aah, Cantona" soon became the norm at Elland Road — and when, at the championship celebration, he told the crowd, "I don't know why I love you, but I do", there was no doubt

the feeling was reciprocated. He began this season in style, with three goals against Liverpool in the season's pipe-opener, the

Charity Shield, but, as Wilkinson feared, his ability to function in the rough and tumble of the English league came increasingly into

In the end, he could not achieve it, and the parting of the ways came quickly. Will it be any better at Old Trafford, where a combination of Cantona and Ferguson looks combustible?

As the Manchester press corps knows to its cost, the United manager burns on a short fuse at times, and although usually the storm rapidly blows itself out, it is questionable whether Cantons will wait long enough to discover

Other things also leave doubts.
"I lived in France with the same pressure as Gascoigne," he said when he arrived at Leeds, "Football is my life but I needed to live a normal existence outside the game." He is moving into the most highly pressured environment in English football, which does not bode well.

The next few weeks should be a fascinating time for observers, but first Eric the Gaul has to get a place in the team. Ferguson will not decide on his line-up until tomorrow, but it will be a surprise if Cantona starts the game. One wonders how long he would accept that restricted role.

RUGBY LEAGUE

# **Newlove lifts Rovers** into cup contention

By Christopher Irvine

PAUL Newlove is something of a novelty these days: a international growing pedigree.

Newlove's pace in the centre, instinct for being in the right place, and strength in the tackle marks his quality above that of most others in the second division, a point that will not be lost on St 'Helens in tomorrow's Regal Trophy second-round tie

against Featherstone Rovers. Newlove, winner of eight senior caps since becoming Great Britain's youngest representative in 1989, stands three tries short of a century in all rugby league, a remarkable

leat for a player aged 21. Newlove and Owen Simpson have scored 26 tries between them this season. "I don't feel I lose out. We strive for a standard that would not be out of place in the first division. We can spread it wide, or keep it tight within the forwards," Newlove said. Under the innovative and "uncompromising eye of their recent Australian appointment, Steve Martin, the former North Sydney coach, Featherstone lead the second division, having lost only twice in 11 league matches.

St Helens, deprived of the injured Jonathan Griffiths and the suspended Alan Hunte, may lack the necessary incisiveness at half back and on the wing to avoid a cup upset at Post Office Road. Much may hinge on the driving runs of Kevin Ward. who starts a game for the Lancashire dub for the first time in five weeks.

Leigh could struggle to contain London Crusaders. Wigan have the simpler task at Hull Kingston Rovers, while Halifax may find Hull at home too convincing.

This afternoon's confrontation between Warrington and Bradford Northern is a rerun of the 1991 final, which the Cheshire club won 12-2. Bradford are likely to be without Deryck Fox, their scrum half.

☐ Neil Rudd, of Nottingham City, has been banned for ten matches for a high tackle on Andy Fletcher, the Barrow wing, last month.

# TV man who tucks into all-round diet

HIS hobby is bricklaying. If he has a catchphrase, it would be something not very catchy, like "and look at that magnificent tuck!" Neither puppet nor stand-up impersonators ever lampoon him. David Vine has been anchoring and commentating at the BBC since 1966 and yet you can't quite pin down his appeal.

His heavily-spectacled face and burly shoulders are part of the national furniture, his distinctively burred voice part of the soundtrack of Sunday afternoons in winter. Commuting between the fastest and slowest athletic pursuits known to man, stopping off in between at the smartest, he has done his bit to turn some sports still regarded as small in journalism into big ratings-pullers in television.

So he must have something. Whatever it is, the BBC liked it from the start. Two producers were scouring the country in search of someone to host the nascent BBC 2's Sports Scene. They arrived in Plymouth, "the last port of call", says their eventual quarry, whom they found fronting and producing a sports programme for Westward TV. the region's commercial station. Because BBC2 could not be received in the southwest, he com-

the solid prop of BBC sports' programmes Mail critic rumbled the moonlighter; from then on, he came under Auntie's

"He has terrific professionalism," Jim Reside, executive producer of Ski Sunday, says. "In circumstances which most others would find untenable, he will still deliver an interview or a piece to camera or commentary. If we've only got time for one take, you'll get what you want in one

"He's got a depth to his voice. Like David Coleman and Alan Weekes and Harry Carpenter and all the other great voices of sport the BBC has, he's very articulate.

"Skiing can be quite boring. If the winner comes from No. 1, David Vine has to find 20 different ways of saying the same thing when the other 19 come down."

There is a world of difference between the green baize at the Guild Hall, Preston, and the men's downhill at Val d'Isère, but Vine was compering at the one until late on bined both jobs until a Daily commentating at the other

this weekend. Throw in the show jumping, the Olympic weightlifting and the Com-monwealth bowls and for his age - he was born in 1935 -he qualifies as the hardest working broadcaster at BBC Sport. One winter he flew 3 I

times in 13 weeks. in the 1970s, he was, if anything, even more ubiquitous. There was scarcely an outside broadcast which didn't have Vine out in front of it - Superstars, Jeux Sans



Song Contest and Miss World, not to mention Grandstand, Quizball and A Question of Sport. He could turn his hand to anything — "it's the same sort of technique whether you are talking

Frontières, the Eurovision

about a skier coming down a mountain or a bit of 36-24-38 walking down a platform," is his distinctly non-politically correct claim, though he bridies at the suggestion that one or two sports he commentates on are not necessarily areas of expertise. "I used to play bowls," he says with a hint of pique, which is more than can be said for his time on skis or in the saddle.

"How good is Harry Car-penter fighting Frank Bru-no?" is his stock rejoinder. "I have ridden, but very little. I have skied, but I don't ski. What's the point? You could go out there and sod's law you turn an ankle on the first

something to do with the sports with which he is associated. They are all safe: even skiing, though physically dan-gerous, is a gentlemanly sport. There is no bodily contact, little money-grubbing and, depending on your view of what Clive James once called the downhillers' multi-coloured condoms",

participants from all three sports are presentably attired. Vine says he has a big fan base among the nation's grandmothers. Perhaps they see in this safety-first nonskier a kindred spirit.

"People have got rather fed up with the aggro in sport." he says, and it is with them that he has found his niche. In the cause of right thinking and good manners, he can turn on the aggro himself. He once had the temerity to ask John McEnroe, who after his pits-of-the-world explosion at Wimbledon only begrudging-ly agreed to a BBC interview, "What right do you have to call anyone an incompetent fool?" It was a blow for decency. McEnroe said he'd never talk to Vine again.

In fact, there is one man who hangs on David Vine's every word at the beginning of the Ski Sunday series. "The head of the Austrian tourist board listens with bated breath at Val d'isère. If I say it's good, he knows they are going to get a great season with skiers coming in from England. If I say it's horrible, I can kill his business. It's a nice position to be in."

Almost as nice as being in the Alps every weekend, where you will find him again this winter, pointing out that

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# The Khans eliminate the Britons

Jahangir Khan, the defending champion, will face Jansher Khan, the world champion, in the final of the Pakistan squash tournament, after sweeping aside their British opponents in Karachi yester-

day.
Jahangir scored a straight games victory over Simon Parke 15-8, 15-7, 15-10, but Jansher surprisingly dropped the first game before demolishing Peter Marshall 12-15, 15-12, 15-6, 15-5.

## Upwardly mobile

Ice Skating: Powerful free dancing lifted the British title holders, Lisa and John Dunn, three places to a sixth position in the world junior championships in Seoul, won by the Russians, Svirina and Sakhnovsky, yesterday. They were thirteenth last year.

## Jones's despair

Rugby league: Mark Jones the Hull prop, yesterday lost all hope of playing for Wales against France in Perpignan tomorrow week when a disciplinary committee in Leeds rejected his appeal against 4 six-match ban.

## Boone advances

Rackets: Willie Boone, the No. 2 seed, reached the semifinals of the Lacoste British amateur championship with a victory by 15-2, 15-0, 15-10 against Guy Barker.

# Frankfurt again

Tennis: The international federation confirmed in London yesterday that the 1994 Federation Cup will be played in Frankfurt for the third consecutive year.

## Treasurer leaves

Rugby union: Glanmor Griffiths has resigned as treasured of the Welsh RU, daining that he had been placed in "an intolerable position in so far as being able to effectively enecute my duties and responsibilities.

# ATHLETICS

# Harder task for Oxford

SIMON Baines attempts to retain the University crosscountry title today when he leads an Oxford University team which is unlikely to dominate the men's race on Wimbledon Common in the way it did last year (David Powell writes). Last time. Oxford finished six in the first seven, but they have a young

team of eight today. Baines has been in form, finishing fourth in the Mike Sully cross country at Bristol. Oxford may need his victory to repeat last year's team triumph. "It is going to be closer this year." said Richard Collier, of Oxford, who ran for the

world championships in Boston last season. The experienced Cambridge team is stronger this year and includes Michael Byers, a Canadian

junior international. This will be the 102nd match between the universities. Oxford have 52 wins and Cambridge 49. The women compete for the seventeenth time. Cambridge have nine wins and Oxford seven.

Wins and Uxtord Seven.

MEN: Cambridge, I Harbress, C Addison,
C Woodd, D Bond, M Byers, D Naylor, K
Johrson, D Clark, Oxford: M Beleson, S
Banes, R Collier, I McAlister, E Broome, M
Wilsler, J Wood, J Nash.

WOMEN: Cambridge: E Colemen, C
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Benson, Cxdord: J Henstridge, N Heines, N
Karlson, M Myers, P Lopez, H Morrison.

FROM DAVID POWELL IN VAL D'ISÈRE

A SNOWSTORM blew away E14,000 in hard-earned prizemoney which A.J. Kitt deserved yesterday for his skill and courage.

Kitt, a New Yorker. lost hold of the winner's cheque when the first World Cup downhill of the season was called off because only a quarter of the field had skied before the weather deteriorated and the risk factor became

too high. All the best downhillers had gone, including the 15 seeds, so it was reasonable to assume that Kitt would have won. But

Snow blows away winning cheque for Kitt he was denied what would have been only his second World Cup win, his first having come here last year.

Even before the first skiers had started, there were doubts over whether to stage the race after heavy overnight snow. But the start was lowered, the course shortened, and the goahead given. Kitt timed 1 min 52.17sec ahead of the World Cup downhill champion, Franz Heinzer, of Switzerland, who took Imin

52.45sec. Hardly had Kitt had time to say that he was "glad we competed — Val d'Isère is known for missing races because the weather comes

in" - than a halt was called. Officials had been right, he said, to start the competition. The conditions were a little dangerous but that is OK," Kitt said. "Downhill is supposed to be dangerous."

However, Kitt had no complaints at the jury's decision to cancel after only 22 of the 85 competitors had skied. There is no firm rule gov-

erning how many skiers must complete the course for a result to stand but, as a general principle, that will happen when the jury judges there are no skiers remaining who are likely to score World Cup points.

His points and prize-money

may be lost but at least Kitt. aged 24, had the chance to prove he is competitive after tearing ankle ligaments while playing basketball three weeks ago. He is unable to walk comfortably but, once inside his ski boot, the injury hardly notices.

"I cannot run and I cannot jump, but it does not burt when I am skring," Kitt said. Because the starting point was lowered, top speeds were slower than the most daring downhillers would like. But the need for caution was

emphasised when Hansjorg Tauscher, of Germany, came perilously close to crashing. Taking a right turn, his left

ski brushed the safety netting: another inch off line and he may have been seriously hurt. The race will not be rescheduled for here, even though there are two days in the World Cup progamme to

The super giant slalom is due to be held today and the slalom tomorrow. It is possible that Val d'Isère's lost downhill will be added to the Garmisch-Partenkirchen programme early in January.

LEADING TEMES: 1, A J Kitt (US), 1 min 52 17sec; 2 F Heinzer (Switz), 152 45; 3, J Ernar Thorsen (Nor), 1,52 93; 4, D Mahner (Switz), 1:53 56; 5, M Grandelli (Lich, 1:63.77; 6, A Skeardel (Nor), 1:63 93, 7, H Hölletiner (Austria), 1,54 (3, 8, P Ortlieb (Austria), 154 7; 9, L Stock (Austria), 1:54.76; 10, H Tauscher (Ger), 1 65.68.

FA official heavily criticised

# Kelly defends his court statements supporting Blissett

By LOUISE TAYLOR

GRAHAM Kelly had no regrets yesterday about the part he played in Gary Blissett's acquittal from a charge of causing grievous bodily harm to a fellow professional. On Thursday, Blissett, a Brent-ford striker, was cleared of "cynically and deliberately" thrusting his elbow into the face of John Uzzell, of Torquay United, in a third division

game last December. Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, had sold Sailsbury Crown Court that Blissett had been involved in an "ordinary aerial challenge".

It brought an angry re-sponse from officials at Torquay, with whom Uzzell has been unable to resume a playing career almost certainly ended by the incident. Mike Bateson, the Torquay chairman, said: "Kelly's remarks that he could watch four games a week and see 200 such tackles was the most hidicrous statement I have ever heard. It is almost an encouragement to players to

behave recklessly. "Kelly has given the impression that football is the equivalent of a bar-room brawl. But clubs like ours spend an enormous amount of time, effort and money trying to attract the general public.

appointed the new manager of Cambridge United. Aged 35.

Atkins played for Shrewsbury

Town, Sunderland, Everton,

Ipswich Town and Bir-mingham City. He also man-aged Colchester United in

their GM Vauxhall Confer-

ence days and was, until

Thursday, No. 2 to Terry Cooper at Birmingham.

He will be in charge of

Cambridge for the first time

today when United are at

home to Wolverhampton

Wanderers in a first division

fixture. Atkins's brief is to keep

Cambridge in that division

but he does not intend to

which brought notoriety to

emulate the direct football

John Beck, his predecessor.

"The long ball was successful for John," Atkins said. "But

it is not my cup of tea. I will be

working on passing in train-ing but to change things too

drastically would be

Atkins has registered as a

player, but has not named

himself in today's squad. His

appointment "shattered" Gary Johnson, who had acted

as caretaker following Beck's

dismissal six weeks ago and

led the team to a Coca-Cola

Cup win against Premier

Atkins plans fresh

By Louise Taylor

Kelly has brought the game into disrepute."

The FA, however, will probably ignore any com-plaints officially levelled at is chief executive on the basis that someone cannot be charged for answers given

when questioned under oath. Kelly said yesterday: "I have no regress and have had no second thoughts about my role in the court case. It would have been simple for me to take the easy way out and not become involved but I did not do that. I believe I did the right thing and I feel very sorry for Gary Blissett that this had to come

"I could have said that because of my position with the FA this was too delicate an issue to become involved with, and that it was not a good idea for me to be put on the spot and possibly take the opposite stance from a referee in court. But I did not because I believed that I should do the right thing."

Arthur Smith, the match referee, who sent Blissett off, declined to comment. But Lester Shapter, formerly a leading referee from Torquay. said that Kelly had undermined referees' authority.

"I am absolutely gutted, nor only for John Uzzell but for football," Shapter said. "Mr

MATCH OFFICIALS OPRY Kelly had an ideal opportunity the biggest ills in the game today — the elbow in the face. He did not take it. Kelly's evidence, players will think that it's quite legal to go and challenge for the ball in the way Bliseett did. It is when I was president of the Football League Referees and Linesmen's Association, the theme of my speech to our conference in Torquay was 'The Arm and the Law. subject and condemned the

Bright future: O'Neill is looking forward to a place in the Football League

# Fifa avoids foreign

to help rid professional foot-ball in this country of one of

"As a result of all this, referees will have lost the

credibility they deserve. Hav-ing heard the verdict and

surprising, because in 1987,

Graham Kelly spoke on the

Another contradiction was

noted by Peter Willis, a spokes-

man for the Referees Associ-ation. "I would refer everybody to the fact that the FA did find that, under the

laws of the game, the player concerned did commit an

offence because, after its own

enquiry, the FA subsequently

suspended him for three

Meanwhile, Blissett, who

has been supported by Brent-

ford, leads their attack in a

first division match

Birmingham City today.

games," he said.

illegal use of the elbow."

Zurich: Fifa, football's world IAN Atkins was yesterday he felt "badly let down" Atkins governing body, yesterday sidestepped calls for a lifting of hoped that "Gary would stay on at the club". Johnson will decide over the weekend. Reg Smart, the Cambridge chairman, said that while Johnson had done "a good job", Atkins's additional experience gave him the edge.

Smart hopes that Atkins articulate, personable and a devotee of sophisticated football - will repair the damage done to the club's image by Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager,

said that, within the past formight, he had turned down offers totalling £6.5 million for two of his players — David Hirst and Chris Waddle from Manchester United and

Toulon respectively. Malcolm Crosby's position as Sunderland manager looks less secure than ever after an argument with Bob Murray, the chairman.

Crystal Palace have pulled out of a £150,000 deal to sign the Yugoslav international defender, Vujadin Stanoikovic. He has returned home after a week on trial with Palace. A fee was agreed with Partizan Belgrade last month, but the Palace manager, Steve Coppell, said: "It was asking a lot for a Yugoslavian to come in and do the business in our

#### League Oldham Athletic on Although Johnson, said that position."

LIVERPOOL'S hopes of a European Cup Winners' Cup reprieve were dashed yesterday by Fifa, the world's governing body, which decided that the registration of Mikhail Rusayev, the Spartak Moscow player at the centre of the eligibility dispute, should be accepted "even though no transfer certificate was

issued." Rusayev appeared in the first two rounds of the competition, including the 6-2 aggregate win over Liverpool, without international dearance.

He was transferred from the German club, Oldenburg, during the summer and the Russian federation did not of the rules in the future."

Liverpool defeat stands receive a clearance certificate before allowing him to play. Although Uefa admitted that the Russians were guilty of a "clear violation" of Fifa rules, they were bound by Fifa's decision. Spartak play Feyenoord in the quarter-

> Peter Robinson, Liverpool's chief executive, said that his club would consider an appeal and the directors would have discussions over the weekend. "We are somewhat surprised at the decision as the player was evidently not registered in accordance with the rules and regulations." he said. "This might possibly have serious implications for any breaches

Cambridge style player issue

restrictions on the number of foreign players in European leagues. But Fifa will set up a working group to look more closely at the issue. There have been calls to end the Italian situation, where

Today

highly-paid players are sitting out matches in the stands. But Sepp Blatter, the Fifa general secretary, said: "We decided that this was a matter for the national associations and we would not interfere in it." Fifa decided to allow video

and television evidence to be used in disciplinary hearings and appeals.

Fifa also rejected a plea by Milan Panic, the prime minister of Yugoslavia, for a ban on Yugoslavia's participation in the qualifying competition of the World Cup to be lifted. Blatter said: "We have unfor-tunately to abide by the United Nations sanctions on Yugoslavia and have reluctantly to turn down this request."

Coventry v I pswich
Coventry are unchanged but could
name McGrath as a substitute, five
weeks after keyfrole surgery on his
knee, lpswich, with a string of drawe but
only two Premier League defeats to
their name, are without Palmer and
Williams in the midfield.

Crystal Palace v Sheff Utd

Crystal Palace v Sheff Util Ndah and Bowry, promoted from the youth team, keep their places in a palace side looking to record its first Premier League win at Sahusat Park and only its second of a disapporting season. Deve Bassett, the United manager, was fleetingly in charge of Palace before the arrival of Steve Coppell, who concedes that, with Palace second bottom, his position is precarious. Permberton, previously of Palace, plays in central defence for United because Gayle is Injured. Gage returns at right back and Veysey, a goalkeeper signed.

and Veysey, a goalkeeper signed on loan from Oxford this week, it in the

Leeds v Noti'm Forest Brian Clough, briefly manager of Leeds during the 1970s, could do with his Forest side ending United's 31-

his Forest side ending United's 31-match unbesten league run at Etand Road Lee Chapman, the Leeds centre torward, who previously played for Forest, will have different ideas on his 33rd birthday. Webb returns to the Forest midfield at place of Black but Leeds must decide whether to gamble on Batty's timess or retain Rocastle in theirs. Forest are buoyed by the midweek Coca-Cola Cup viin

# O'Neill sure of his real goal

BY WALTER GAMMIE

WYCOMBE Wanderers and Martin O'Neill, their manager, make no secret of the fact that they are ready to move on to higher things. For once, there is nothing hollow about such claims. After selling Loakes Park, with its sloping pitch and memories of heroic cup battles. Wycombe have become, in their third season at their model ground, Adams Park, the leading club in non-League football.

That is why O'Neill, a voluble Irish mix of disconcerting confidence and selfdeprecating whimsy, is unapologetic when he says the glamour tie of the FA Cup second round, that between Wycombe and West Bromwich Albion tomorrow, counts for comparatively

"Unlike most non-League clubs who are absolutely desperate for an FA Cup run to keep the club alive, for us it's no more than a fantastic diversion from trying to get out of the Vauxhall Conference," O'Neill said. We welcome the exposure

against Totlenham but badly need points to escape from the bottom of the

Middlesbrough v Blackburn Shart Ripley, the winger who joined Rovers from Middlesbrough for £1.3 million thas summer, returns to his home town and the club where he was for so long a favourite. After a bright start Middlesbrough have won only one of their past ten cames and are

atter, reduces on their past ten garnes and are handcapped by the absence of Kernaghan, Philips, Morris and Felconer (at injured). Hignett makes his home debut for Middlesbrough white Shearer has overcome an anide

QPK V Oktuation
Afreedy without Helihorith, their
first-choice goalkeeper, for the
remainder of the season, Oldham
have a doubt about Keeley, his deputy,
Sbould Keeley tail a fitness test,
Gerrand, 19, will make his debut

Pointon and Olney are doubtful and Marshall and McDonald ruled out, so

inconsistent Otcham.

Norwich a Wimbladon
League leaders they may be but
Norwich should beware because
although Wimbladon — who put
their delence up for sale on Thursday in
an attempt to raise 22 million —
have recorded only three Premar
League was this season they have
all been at the expense of leading sides
— Arsenal, Manchester United and
Liverpool. Norwich, who are expected
to dispense with the sweeper
system they adopted so successfully at

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QPR v Oldham

Barlow could start for an

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and the boys will take the ephemeral glory if they can. That, aside, if we reach the fifth round or quarter-finals or whatever and lose out on the Vauxhall Conference, I'm afraid I'd commit suicide." Wycombe are 13 points clear at the top of the Conference.

O'Neill is ambitiou want to be up there with the Dalglishes and Sounesses," he said. "I played against them and I'd like to be up there managing a big team. In a couple of seasons I hope I will be and I know I'd relish it. It's not sounding big

headed, I hope." Eight of the 13 players who helped Wycombe to an important win at Altrincham last Saturday, were at the club when O'Neill took over. He has kept a settled side and instilled confidence. There are umpteen ways to play this game if you stay within the rules, and who is

Aston Villa last week, have basien Wimbledon only once in 14 meetings. Wimbledon, who have scored only once in their past three League games,

are handicapped by the continued absence of Fashariu and uncertainty over the fitness of Segers, Scales and Jones, Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon

Sheff Wed v Aston Villa

Ron Alkinson can expect a hot reception on his return to the club he walked out on to join Ville almost 18

walked out on to join Ville almost 18 months ago Atkinson has fitness toutts about Parker and Houghton in his midfield and is again without Teale, the player he refers to as "my John Wayne", in central defence, Barrett is titaly to depuruse against Wednesday's in-form striking partnership of Hirst and Bright. They will be aiming to outdo Ville's duo of Dalan Afunson and Saunders. Spink, the Villa goatkeeper, will have a late fitness test so Bosnich stands by and Cakes, 18, has been recalled

tate in east test so costilor statios by and Cakes, 18, has been recalled from a loan spell at Gloucester City in case he is required on the bench. Palmer and Wilson are doubtful for lated process.

Southampton v Arsenal Perry Groves became George Graham's first signing as Arsenal

manager when he paid Colchester United £75,000 for his services more

United 275,000 for his saves into then so years ago. This summer Graham sold Groves on to Southampton for 2750,000 and the winger begins on the bench against his tomer club loday. Southampton are unchanged for the fifth time and looking for a lifth successive game

to say what is right or wrong. I used to be a dribbler with the ball and I like players taking people on in certain areas of the pitch. I like to give players a chance to express themselves."

Steve Guppy and Dave Carroll tease defences down the flanks and typical of O'Neill's work has been the transformation of Simon Stapleton, a midfield player.

"He used to break clear and miss goals galore," O'Neill said. "I didn't have to look and see who it was when the ball used to go flying into the stand and the crowd roared. I knew it was him.

"I told him not to panic, just think as if he was going to score. I said to him if he scored 12 goals this season, he'd be worth £500,000. Now I've had to play him at left back because he's already scored seven and there's five

months of the season left."
O'Neill's self-belief is clearly infectious and when he says he will send his team out to "enjoy themselves" against Ossie Ardiles's footballing side, you know that they will do just that.

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☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

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seven of their past ten matches — cope
without the suspended Mick
Harhord in their attack? Tottenham,
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the FA's national school at Lilleshall is
in the squad for the first time.
Forced to make their first change in
personnel for seven games,
Chelsea are fitely to introduce Le Saux
for the first time this season.

#### TENNIS

# Strong prepare to wilt in the heat of the Davis Cup

FROM SIMON BARNES IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

THE Davis Cup is the ultimate test of bottle, somebody once said to me. I was inclined to pooh-pooh this at the time. but now, with the final begun and the United States bizarrely taking on Switzerland, I am forced to rethink. Mental strength is the key to most sporting events, but this counts double in the Davis

Cup.

Most Brits do not have a clear idea about the Davis Cup, for the very good reason that Britain has not been a force in it for years. But up at the sharp end, this competition is a matter of numbing intensity, and it cannot fail to inspire a momentous reaction. Whether that reaction is fight or flight is something that rather depends on the nature of the player involved.

"Sure, we should win easily on paper," Andre Agassi said. "But this is the Davis Cup." The United States went into the final with nothing less than the Dream Team of tennis. If the opposition seeks hope, it can look only to its own worthy qualities, and to the imponderable nature of this extraordinary tourna-ment. "In Davis Cup, it's how much you want it. Not how well you are playing," Agassi

The United States have Agassi, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras and John McEnroe. The Swiss have Marc Rosset (he did win the the Olympic tournament, but that is as fine a way of rising without trace as tennis can offer) and Jakob Hlasek, who is a naturalised Czechoslovak. "Davis Cup is nothing about the record, or the rankings on the comput-er," Hlasek said. "We never thought we would be here what have we to lose?" He was asked what he thought of this cowboy-conscious town: "As a boy, when I watched West-erns, I was always on the side of the Indians."

The question that remains is whether the imponderables of the Davis Cup will transform this final into the battle of the Little Big Horn. It comes down to responsibility. Normally, a tennis player is renooody du himself. This is what makes tennis players rather singular characters. But in the Davis Cup they must shed their singularity and explore other aspects of their personalities.

There are team games and individual games: there are athletes who prefer the delights of shared effort and those who prefer the loneliness of solo competition. There are team misfits who say they should have been golfers, and there are individual players

who, at the critical moment lack the nerve to pull ahead of the pack and win the big one. But some of these individual sports hold team competitions.

Suddenly, the lone athlete is responsible not for himself or herself, but for the team — for the nation, if you prefer. This happens in the Ryder Cup: some golfers blossom under its stresses, others shrivel. Faldo is never the same force in team competition: Ballesteros seems incapable of losing.

In three-day eventing, the same stresses affect the riders. The British team went to pieces at the last Olympic Games, throwing away the medal chances in a fit of

timidity.

And in the Davis Cup. the pressures, the responsibilities always a novelty for the lone structive. Sampras spoke of the last time he played a Davis Cup final: "It was probably the most devastating two losses I have ever had. It was my first time in Davis Cup. It was awful out there. I hope it never happens again."

That was last year, when the United States played France. Sampras lost both his singles matches, to Henri Leconte and Guy Forget. France's victory was wildly improbable, to say the least. A Swiss victory would require another serving of that same lethal cocktail of terror and inspiration.

"I've seen people rise way Agassi said. "And I've seen my capabilities

considerably." Agassi can say this with some confidence. He is renowned — at least, he was pre-Wimbledon — for the fragility of his temperament. But in Davis Cup tennis, before this final began, he has won 18 singles and lost only four. Sampras, with three wins and three defeats in singles, has been relegated to the doubles, which take place today. He has the support of the redoubtable McEnroe who, with 41 wins and eight defeats in singles, and 17 wins and two defeats in doubles, is one of the finest Davis Cup players in

"Davis Cup can do that to you," Sampras said after his humiliation last year. "I didn't know what to expect, and it was a pretty awful experience. But this is my fifth time. I'm more or less used to the whole experience, so I think I'll do

Today, Sampras will learn whether "I think" is good enough. As for the Swiss, they continue to learn whether "I hope" is enough when you play the Dream Team.

## EQUESTRIANISM

# **Pessoa wins speed** class once more

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN BORDEAUX

RODRIGO Pessoa of Brazil, aged 20, won the opening speed class for the second successive year at the World Cup show here yesterday.

Last year, riding the same horse, Loro Piana Colonel, he won by just under two seconds. Yesterday the Brazilian's precocious talent helped him finish 2.22 seconds ahead of the runner-up, Philippe Rozier of France, on Waiti Satomi. On both occasions Pessoa was the youngest in the class.

Robert Smith, of Britain, took the early lead in the 63strong class after a superb round on Susan Bond's 12year-old mare, Lucilla. But Rozier, followed by his compatriot, Edouard Couperie on Quartzy II, and the Belgian, Eric Wauters, on Waiti Isaura, recorded faster times to push Smith down to fifth place.

Pessoa, who will ride his top horse, Special Envoy, in the World Cup qualifier tomorrow, did not know what time he had to beat when he entered the arena. "I just went as fast as I could," he said. Horse and rider have been

bred to show-jump. Pessoa's father, Nelson, is Brazil's most experienced show jumper with 52 Nations Cup performances to his credit. Rodrigo first competed internationally at Hickstead when aged nine. Loro Piana Colonel is an eight-year-old stallion by the

top Dutch jumping stallion, Nimmerdor. Pessoa, based with his father in Belgium, bought the stallion from Argentina last May.

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## YACHTING

# Straggler rounds Horn Cape Horn: Peter Phillips and through the southern ocean

his crew on Rhone-Poulenc, the last of the British Steel Challenge yachts, at last raised a toast to Cape Horn yesterday, after being delayed by repairs (Barry Pickthall writes).

Dubbed "Yawning Cape Horn" by other teams who were becalmed here earlier this week, conditions yesterday were perfect as Rhone-Poulenc rounded in bright sunshine shortly after 1600 GMT. "It's a big achievement to get to the Horn and we are pleased to have made it." Phillips said as his yacht cut

swell in a welter of spray at better than nine knots.

Although Rhone-Poulenc is five days and 800 miles behind Nuclear Electric, the leading yacht, on this second, Rio to Hobart, stage of the race around the world, Phillips said his crew was not downbearted

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POSITIONS (s. 1500 GMT yesterday with miles to Hobard; 1. Nuclear Electric (J. Chitlanden), 4,567; 2. Commercial Union (R. Meriweather), 4,696; 3. Coopers 2. Lybrand (Y. Chery), 4,758; 4. Hofbrau Lager (P. Goss), 4,762; 5. British Steel II (R. Tudor), 4,784; 6. Heath Insured (A. Drinovan), 4,790; 7. Pride of Teesade (I. MacGilleray), 4,811; 8. Group 4 (M. Gotting), 4,863; 9. InterSpray (P. Jellies), 5,234; 10. Phone Poulien: [P. Phillips], 5,369.

# Ferguson undecided over Cantona

By Louise Taylor

WILL he play or won't he? Even Alex Ferguson is not sure whether to include Eric Cantona from the start of the 117th Manchester derby at Old Trafford tomorrow or seat him on the substitutes' bench. The Manchester United manager, who signed Cantona from Leeds United for £1.2 million last week, said yesterday: "I think I have made up my mind what to do about Cantona but I'll keep tossing it over in my mind until

Provided Ferguson sticks to plan A, it is expected that Mark Hughes and Brian McClair will be in attacking tandem, with Cantona on the sidelines. If that frustrates the red segments of Old Trafford it will not stand in the way of some raucous celebrations should United beat City.

This morning, United stand sixth in the Premier League, nine points adrift of Norwich City, the leaders, while Peter Reid's Manchester City are eighth, two points further

Ferguson, though, is planning to take over at the top. "We are not out of the championship race by any means," he said. "Only Norwich have maintained any degree of consistency while the other sides, like ourselves, have all had their ups and downs."

Ferguson was angry at revived reports that Bryan Robson, his captain, was poised to become manager of Sunder-land. He dismissed them as "rubbish". Ferguson said that rather than returning to his native North-East, where he was brought up as a Newcastle United supporter, Robson, who has started just four matches this season, would be remaining at Old Trafford to lead United's latest title chall-

enge.
The former England captain is now 35, his contract runs out at the end of the ason and he remains prone to injuries, but, like Ferguson, he is still committed to winning a championship that has cluded his club for 26 years. A late fitness test permitting

Robson hopes to start in front of the television cameras tomorrow, and Ferguson said: "I have waited a long time to get Bryan Robson and Lee Sharpe back in the side and they make a hell of a difference. They are a very valuable duo to us. Many teams have key areas and they are part of ours. Bryan controls the shane of the side and he has so much



Splendid isolation: Blake, the Kingstonian goalkeeper who was struck by a coin in the last match, stands alone against Peterborough yesterday



experince, while Lee has such a willingness to attack goal he generates and encourages a more positive attitude throughout. If Bryan and Lee remain fit we have a great chance of winning the

championship.
"My team is looking good at the moment and our aim is a

simple one — to string together a few victories in the league and to keep in touch with the pack above us."

As long as Brightwell is passed fit, Reid hopes to name a full-strength side and make amends for the unscheduled 1-0 defeat at home to Tottenham Hotspur last week. "I was very disappointed both with our form and our performance during the course of last week's deleat, which ended a run of four straight wins," Reid said. "Having said that, I must say that my players have ing all week, and I am hopeful that they have got that poor result out of their systems."

himself a place in the hearts of United supporters with a goal. To do that he must not only appear on the pitch, but also outwit a City defence including, in Keith Curie and Terry Phelan, Britain's costliest defenders.

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# Sterling ends farce fittingly

Peterborough United ..... 1 Kingstonian.

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

THE FA Cup evokes images of drama, passion, joy and despair. Tiny grounds overexpectation; bowed out at

Nobody wanted a replay of the first-round replay, which ended 9-1 to Peterborough but was exased by the Pootball Association after Adrian Blake, the Kingstonian goalkeeper, had been struck by a coin and carted off to hospital, with the score 3-0.

A behind-closed-doors rematch was ordered, hence the 100-strong gathering of offici-als, media and invitation-only

afternoon in Cambridgeshire. 'It was a farce. I'm still itterly disappointed with the A." Chris Kelly, the mian manager, said.

Kelly said that, at most, a neutral venue should have been used. The powers-thathe decreed otherwise and the Kingstonian players, six-teenth in the Diadora League premier division, had to beg.

sleep after a night sorting out his interior design business; Andy Parr worked late painting and decorating: Dave Kempton forfeited £100 to take a day off selling cheese.

"I just want to forget the whole episode," Cowier said. If this is what professional football is all about, I'm glad I'm not good enough." tonian's preparations

Boys Cafe and a spell of Space Invaders. It was nothing to the strange scenario ahead. Peterborough, tenth in the first division, did their best. Kingstonian scrapped like a non-League side should. Every expletive could be heard; every robust challenge reverberated round the rafters.

Bizarre circumstances cried out for a bicacre ending and it arrived in the 68th minute. Cooper's cross flicked off in the face before going in. "I don't know what any of us were doing here," Chris Turner, the Peterborough manager, said. His words, not for the first time, echoed true. Perpescholida infirst! Barnet D Backhaw, R Robinson, M Halsal, L Howard (suc. N Luke), S Welth, W Starting, G Cooper, A Adoock, A Philisin, M Bodon, KINGSTOMANA A Baiser, J Froch, A Cowler, S Essenson, D Brockerk, D Kennen, D

# **England faces** political battle for World Cup

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE fragile unity of internathe contest to stage the next World Cup enters a complex, political, and potentially chaotic voting phase.

England's bid, the details of which were announced yesterday, commits £5 million to their vision of a five-week tournament in May and June of 1995. It is undeniably an impressive proposal, but it will not necessarily win the way. The joint bid from India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka is

believed to be worth slightly less as an overall package, but sets out to woo the support of the minor cricketing countries by promising a high input to the Associate Members Trophy, from which three teams will qualify for the World Cup.

The sub-continent is playing canny political game, something which was always likely once this most prestigious of cricketing events had been put out to tender, rather than being awarded on a rota basis as England claimed was cor-rect. Money, as ever, will hold the greatest sway, but political pressures will also be brought to bear in coming weeks, and there is no guarantee of a decisive or amicable resolution before next summer.

A special meeting of the International Cricket Council ICC) has been scheduled for February 2 in London. There is talk of avoiding this expense by taking a postal vote, but this is surely wishful thinking. Cricket has never before held an auction of this nature or magnitude, and the existing voting procedures look dangerously outdated.

Two-thirds of the nine full members are needed for a majority decision, but neither bidder seems likely to achieve this. The key is held by the African nations; if both South Africa and Zimbabwe vote for England, they would decide the issue, but Zimbabwe have already intimated they will while South Africa has yet to make its position known.

The associate members, who each have one vote against the full members' two, further complicate any prognosis. But the most intriguing aspect is that the ICC constitution still contains scope for the two foundation members. England and Australia, to apply their veto on any opposi-

tion by voting together. All in all, it is a confusing prospect even for those concerned, and officers of the ICC are fervently honing that one or other bid first vote to avoid their rules and procedures being held up to yet more unfavourable scrutiny.

The English tender, compiled by a sub-committee chaired by Douglas Insole and approved by the Test and County Cricket Board, emphasize the logistical and phasises the logistical and climatic advantages of staging in this country what is now a high-profile and hectic event. Ease of travel is highlighted, along with quality of practice facilities and preparatory fixtures.

"Finance is not the overriding factor." Insole said, perhaps optimistically. He went on to point out that on the three previous occasions when England has been the venue, only one of 57 matches was not completed.

The long daylight hours are an attraction, and although India will offer some floodlit venues, the English view is that daytime cricket is "less

If the cup comes here, the 12 teams will be divided into two leagues, the top four in each going on to a knockout

stage.
The winning team would receive £50,000, and there would be a guarantee of £300,000 to each full member. These figures double the rewards available from the last World Cup in Australasia, and reflect the growth of the event and its attraction as a tele-



# Retaliation from the top

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE International Amateur Athletic Federation (LAAF) vesterday met fire with fire and said that it might seek damages for libel against Butch Reynolds, the 400 metres world record-holder who \$27.3 million (about £18 million) in damages against the

A United States District Court in Columbus, Ohio. ruled that the world governing \$6.8 million to Reynolds for loss of earnings during his two-year suspension for drug abuse and \$20.5 million in punitive damages. The federahave jurisdiction over it and repeated its stance yesterday. This judgment is worthless." an IAAF statement said.

The same statement went on not only to threaten action against Reynolds for alleged libel but to suggest that it may Reynolds is already under an extended ban, the IAAF having added five months to his original two-year suspension. for drug abuse in 1990. The extended ban is due to end on December 31 and Reynolds is planning to race indoors in New York in February.

Yesterday's IAAF statement added: "The IAAF council will consider the possibility of commencing proceedings against Mr Reynolds for libel and taking further disciplinary ac-tion under IAAF rules."

The move, the statement said, would be to "defend the honour and integrity of its members, accredited laboratories, arbitration panel members, medical committee and doping commission members and officials." The next IAAF council meeting is planned for Jakarta in January. Reynolds's lawyers also took

an attacking stance and threatened to target IAAF sponsors. "It will be a long process but, if necessary, we will take it to Atlanta [the venue for the Olympic Games] in 1996," Mimi Dane, an attorney for Reynolds, said. She added that they would

seek to sequestrate money owed to the IAAF by Amerian sponsors.

Last January, Mobil an-nounced from New York a four-year extension to its sponsorship of the LAAF grand prix. It pays \$763,000 in prize-money each year, but the LAAF said yesterday that the finance came from Mobil outside the United States and that it has no sponsors' money there. Coca-Cola, Visa and Snickers are also sponsors of

the IAAF's world series. The IAAF said that the issue presented no threat to athletics at the 1996 Olympic Games because they are organised by the International Olympic Committee and are not financed by federation money. No IAAF championships are scheduled in America before

The first IAAF event where its officials may become subject to United States law is the indoor meeting in Johnson City on January 30. The IAAF said yesterday: "Everything proceeds as normal."

# A day in the life of a

legend

Forth Worth: Out here, deep in the heart of Texas, a new sporting hero has broken from cover. His name is Neale Smith, and he comes from Bega, in New South Wales, Australia. He seems to be one of those people who is so extraordinarily talented at absolutely everything that he never made his mark at one

single thing. He is a rather long-in-thetooth 27. He is in the United States completing his education, and has done a masters degree in sports psychology. And he has just qualified for the \$70 million United States golf tour, finishing joint first in the PGA qualifying tournament at Woodlands Coun-

try Club in Houston. It turns out that such a feat is pretty routine for Smith. In one 24-hour period back in Bega - said to be the Eastbourne of New South played a three-under-par

round in his golf club's monthly medal tournament; scored a century in first-

grade cricket;
• scored 49 of the 54 points recorded by his local basketball team, and cleared seven feet in the high jump at an athletics

seeting.

Smith has already won a Pacific Games gold medal for the high jump (clearing 2.32m) and played junior rugby league for New South Wales while still at primary school. He is a sporting legend — in Bega, if nowhere else.



SIMON BARNES

## Horse sense

The big event here is not the Davis Cup final at all, but the National Cutting Horse As-sociation World Futurity. In an audience of wall-to-wall hats on top and wall-to-wall boots below, horses with names like Ramblin Ricky Rey, Little Bitty Darlin and Lil Sugar Snap dance in front of cows in a glorious display

## In the firing line

All America is taken up with the Marge Schott case: one of those utterly bizarre it-couldonly-happen-here stories. Schott is a tough, harddrinking, hard-smoking old lady who owns the Cincinatti Reds baseball team. She achieved cult status when the Reds won the World Series in 1990. But now she has become a national hate object. She has been alleged to

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of horsemanship and equine agility. Ronnie Rice is lead-

#### ty are his strong points. As far as ability, there's nothing he can't do." There are times when America feels about as accessible as the Russian Orthodox church.

tion. She allegedly refers to Jews as "Jew-bastards". She also allegedly referred to Dave Parker, a leading

use racial terms in conversa-

ing as I write. He said of his

session with Sugar Ray Lena:

They left me decent cows

and he was dead on. His eye appeal and his physical abili-

player with the Reds in the Eighties, as "the million dollar nigger". Parker is consid-

There are calls for her to resign and calls for her to apologise. A thousand commentators have pointed out how the affair shows what is

# Entry (winning)

Here is the latest limerick, and it wins this week's bottle of ambrosial Calem Colheitas 1978 port. It goes to Peter Eramens for this effort of tortured syntax:

This country expects Gascoigne (Paul),
That wizard of fine control (ball). To win, handed-single,

The World Cup for England. That looks a real order (tall). I have still more bottles of

nectar to give away, so keep

the limericks coming. Show my postman no mercy. wrong with Schott, baseball, and, best of all, America. Schott has defended herself

vigorously and said with wonderful ambiguity: "I don't think good blacks like

☐ More good news about the way the country has united behind the Manchester bid for the 2000 Olympics. Rangers have refused to allow Ibrox to be used for the early rounds of the Olympic football tournament.





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# High spirits and happy souls

Traditional Anglicanism may be in

decline, says Matthew d'Ancona, but

spirituality is finding other expression

omorrow the chapel of Buckingham Palace will resound to sung Eucha-rist, as, a few miles away, believers at Hampton Court listen to the address of Dr David Hope, Bishop of London and stalwart opponent of female ordination.

In Merseyside, home-based retreatants attached to the Centre of Ignatian Spirituality will continue their pursuit of the centuries old spiritual path set down by the founder of the Jesuits, while further south, a throng of young families enjoys the lively evangelical services at St Thomas Crook's Church in

Heading southwest, the eight-man community at the Barn, in Tomes, Devon, will be completing Buddhist meditation exercises about the same time, before a busy day's work in harmony with the land. Who said we live in a spiritless land?

To go in search of British spiritual-'Even in those ity is a curious task. We might begin by who declare examining the state of the Church of themselves England — usually the first crystal ball atheists into which the optimists and the doom-mongers I detect a peer to test the strength of the naspiritual tion's soul. For Fr Philip Ursell, principal of second

ionalist seminary. nature' Pusey House, there is little to be cheerful about in the wonder if British spirituality actually exists now. It's become confused with a sort of English sentimental-

Oxford's tradit-

ity — being nice to animals and helping old ladies across the road." Defenders of the church would sny that the General Synod's decision to admit women to the priesthood last month was an act of clarity and conviction which will fill the pews once more. But Fr Ursell believes that such flaunting of tradition is detrimental to

spirituality. There's a decline in knowledge of Common Prayer, the Coverdale translations of the Psalms and the authorised version of the Bible," he says, "It's something that's happened since the war: pantheist religion in school assemblies, the departure of children from Sunday schools. For me, the decline of the Prayer Book is the decline of

English religion." Attendances at ordinary Sunday services fell again in 1990 by 1 per cent, while membership in the

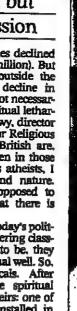
church's 13,000 parishes declined by 13 per cent (to 1.4 million). But in the eyes of some outside the Anglican tradition, a decline in church attendances is not necessarily an indication of spiritual lethargy. Dr Hesham el-Essawy, director of the Islamic Society for Religious Tolerance, says: "The British are, by nature, spiritual. Even in those who declare themselves atheists, I detect a spiritual second nature. That is, spiritual as opposed to material, the belief that there is deeper meaning,"

So, however godless today's political dissenters and chattering classes imagine themselves to be, they draw from a deep spiritual well. So. too, do the evangelicals. After centuries of battle the spiritual moment seems to be theirs: one of their number is now installed in Lambeth Palace and the decade has been named after them.

> isations such as the Oasis Trust tour the country in search of the young souls they say are there for the taking. They fish not with nets but with television walls churning out pop videos. The smells and bells"

Bishop of Chester calls "rave in the About one million British Chris-

tians are now reckoned to classify themselves as evangelical, and the number is growing. But if this is the cutting edge of the nation's spirituality, what does it mean? "The age of materialism, the secularist mindset, has merely demonstrated itself unable to address the most fundamental questions of our society," says Joel Edwards, UK development director of the Evangelical Alliance. The evangelical movement — which hasn't lost sight of fundamental Christianity but isn't fundamentalist - recommends itself to the intelligent



Baptist organ-

evangelicals' "happy-clappy" style is winning of-ficial support, too, to the horror of the high church lobby: in July, the synod set up a working party to look into the role of

It sounds like a sales pitch, which is precisely what it is. Yet the evangelicals have a knack of turning platitude into reality. A flick through the glossy pages of the evangelical magazine Alpha illustrates the passion of their attack: "the confused spirituality of the



Rise and rejoice: at the Celestial Church of Christ in Peckham, south London, which is Nigerian in origin, worship is spontaneous, vigorous and fun

"heresy" of television wrestling, and a fierce attack on the "blatant sin of Madonna" vie for the attention of the reader. This is

designer religion with a vengeance. Thatcherism and its legacy seem to have played a part in defining the shape of Britain's spirituality today. Our individualistic society has spawned an individualistic credo: a desire to find a custombuilt approach to self-discovery. This is epitomised by the remark able growth in popularity of the retreat - among all faiths.

On the other hand, the evangelical explosion has been explained as a mass psychic response to the recessionary pinch, a quest for new certainties to replace the "greed is good" mantra of the 1980s. This seems a bit glib, as the evangelicals themselves point out. David Bebbington, a reader in history at Stirling University and author of Evangelicalism in Modern Britain, says that the expansion of higher education has produced a motivated believers, inclined to evangelical forms of spirituality.

Does education really lead to faith? The reverse has often been true, when science and sophisticated cynicism have undermined religlous belief. But in recent years, says Mr Bebbington, the evangelical movement has been the most conspicuous beneficiary of "a strong subterranean sympathy for spirituality" in this country.

upport for spiritual prac-tices that look not to a God, but within for their person-al salvation — most notably Buddhism - has also been encouraged by the 1980s me-style dimate. Kulananda of the Western Buddhist Order believes: "Buddhism allows people to keep responsibility for their own spiritual lives while offering practical methods, such as meditation, for developing their

A further development from the ethos of the me-generation is the

reverence of the earth goddess and natural cycles stops little short of worship. Moreover, the "peace and harmony with nature" practices of the New Age traveller have many echoes of rural semi-Pagan ritual.

To my eyes, the real adherents of the New Age — crystals, aroma-therapy, Gaia, past-life therapy et al. — are the thirtysomethings of the South East who got rich under Thairher, but hanker after the nonspecific spiritualism of the 1960s.

Rabbi Julia Neuberger believes British spirituality is rooted in simple aesthetic appreciation (she cites the new popularity of classical music) and a sense of community: national characteristics that struck her first as a rabbinic student. "I would point to what goes on in hospices. Living and working with the ill and their families, there is a sense that the spiritual side is as

important as the material." This near-equation of spirituality and benevolence sounds alarming-ly similar to what Fr Ursell called

haps that is the point. Good things rarely submit to easy definition. It might be said that the essence of British spirituality combines principled generosity with sheer vague-ness. The playwright Robert Bolt called it "our Island genius for compromise"; most aptly. Philip Larkin called it

Whatever it is, tomorrow, in the ante-chapel at Magdalen College, Oxford, it will be visible in the faces of those visitors gazing up at the extraordinary Leonardo Last Supper, now on loan from the Royal Academy. The painting is a truly startling sight, almost embarrass-ingly affecting. Some of the visitors will not have stepped inside a church this year. But they may spot a look of awe in each other's eves: and reflect that not all the spirits have flown from this odd, irreligious land.

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Sikhs390,000
Source: UK Christian Handbook 1992/3 (figures relate to 1991 survey)

# All downhill on the learning curve

Why are sensible people unable to benefit from experience?

t's a funny thing the way humans seem unable to learn from their mistakes. Even the lowliest of invertebrates has a modicum of intelligence. Enough to enable worms, for example, to learn eventually to stop turning left. where they receive an electric shock. in favour of the right turn, which is

This topic came up last Sunday when we finished lunch at 3.45pm and found, as we looked out at the encircling gloom, that we had left it too late to go for a walk. It has been dark at 4.30 for a number of weeks now, but each one of the five adults present had promoted the conditions whereby lunch started late and inevitably finished late, despite the fact that we had all desperately wanted to go for a walk.

We had also failed to buy enough wine from Waitrose on Friday night, so that when we ran out on Sunday we were forced to go to the local pub and pay £2.50 more a bottle for bad wine than we would have paid for good from the

supermarket or the off-licence. This was a fairly typical weekend in our cottage, or thatched hut of nine lavatory-sized rooms bought at the peak of the boom in 1988. When we bought it we were enthralled by the Enid Blyton-ness of having a proper country cottage. We soon found out why Blyton characters were so happy in cot-tages — they were all children and therefore of reduced stature. When we hear a rat-tat-tat-tat at our door and we open it there is normally a scream of pain, as whoever was outside fails to stoop before coming

visitors. If more than two people are in any of the rooms at the same time you get a feeling of being trapped in a lift, and so we all go out for walks. Then there is a long, drawn-out faffing as people look for their

in. We always forget to warn

boots (having failed to leave them in a set place near the door), dog leads, gloves and car keys, if we are driving to

the start-off point. Last weekend we had some people to stay in the hut. Half of the party arrived amazed that they had been stuck in traffic at Hammersmith roundabout, making the stead of the one hour it might

journey take three hours intake if you did it in the middle of the night. But they had left on Friday night at rush-hour. "I always forget how bad the traffic is leaving London on a Friday night. yawned one of them, as though saying something novel. "And I'm afraid I drank at lunchtime and it



has completely knocked me out. I always forget how tiring drinking at lunchtime is."

Very generously, a neighbour had invited us all to lunch on Saturday. It was extremely kind of her. Regrettably, she put a "staycool handle" saucepan containing

the lunch into the Aga instead of on top of it. She burnt her hand when she took it out, not once, but four times. Then her husband — who wrestled her out of the way in irritation — put on an oven glove and failed to remember that the thumb had been burnt through, so he burnt his own thumb and screamed with pain. "I keep meaning to throw that glove away," said

Provocatively, I raised the subject of people being unable to learn from their mistakes. My husband volunteered the information that he always has his bath too hot, leaving himself feeling "weak and heartattacky every evening".

Another, a writer named Andrew Barrow, said that three times a week he found himself involved in a discussion about word-processors, and why he didn't have one. "It's a very repetitive experience," he said.
"And very unproductive. Yet somehow I find myself being drawn into it again and again."

We all know that some people tend to have variations of the same destructive love affair with a sequence of different partners, but somehow this seems more understandable than the person who eats kippers on a regular basis, each time managing to sublimate the experience of "kipper burping" until the next time.

We buy books we are never going to read and fail to fill up with enough petrol, or buy enough stamps at the post office, when we know that failure to do so will mean

another time-consuming trip into our local market town.

I remember once visiting a friend named Liza, who lived in a balcony flat in Chelsea. She had been given a present of a rubber plant. "Shall I let it die inside or out on the balcony?" she asked. Clearly, she had learnt from experience, and was only too happy to let me take it

Try to avoid Sunday Night Syndrome if you can help it. I suffered from it desperately last weekend. Prepare vourself for the fact that you are likely to go down with a black depression if you drink and over-eat at Sunday lunch and have filled your consciousness with tales of atrocities garnered by the newspapers from all corners of the globe. Make an appointment with your cinema tomorrow night. Go and see a film called Strictly Ballroom. Ride out the Sunday Night Syndrome of being faced with the evidence of your own mistakes by, this week, planning



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CAROUSEL: Michael Hayden in Nicholas Hytner's large-scale production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein favground musical which ran for over a year in the

Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat,

National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Preview toniont, Man-wed, 7,30pm.

mat today, 2.15µm, opens Thurs, 7pm; then in repertor CYRANO DE BERGERAC obert Lindsay in the title role as Rostand's long-nosed, long-

Moshinsky Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930-8800), Previews eves 7.30pm, opens Dec 14, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mats Wed, Sat. 2.30pm

HAY FEVER: Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2

(071-867 1115), Mon-Sat, 8pm, THE GIFT OF THE GORGOM: Michael Pennington in Peter justice in modern times with an echo of ancient Greece. The Pit. Barbican Centre. 5th. Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Previews tonight Wed-next Sat. 7.15pm, mats Thurs, next Sat, 2pm;



Anguished: Barrie Rutter as the king in Richard III

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Mon-Fri. Burn. Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, Spiri, Sat. 5 30pm. JUNE MOON: Naïve song write conquers Tin Pan Alley. Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kaufman, Excellent cast led by Adam Godley and Frank

**Vaudeville**, The Straud, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. MISERY: Sharon Gless (ronner

cop Cagney) unnerves Bill Paterson in stage version of the Stephen King thriller Criterion, Piccapilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Previews from Thurs, 8pm open, Dec. 17, 7pm;

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the two stalking combatants Aimeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat

OUR SOME Peter O'Tools in Kerth Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation vith a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri,

8 15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm A PENNY FOR A SONS: A Dorset household of eccentrics prepare to defend their shores from Napoleon's invasion fleet: John Whiting's engaging cornedy.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Preview tonight, 7,45pm; opens Mon,

mat Sat (from Dec 12), 4pm. NICHARD III: Barrie Rutter takes the lead and directs this acclaimed Northern Broadsides production (with the battle scene as a clog

7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm,

Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith (081-748 3354). Preview Tues, 7.45pm; opens Wed, 7.45pm: then Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs. National (Cottesion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight,

Mon-Wed, 8pm, mats today,

Wed, 4pm. THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Harriet Walter perfect again in revival of this subtle, comic state-of-the-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and Royal Court, Sloane Square,

Spm, mat Sat, 4pm, 150mins. TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: imon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane. Christopher Gee play all 26 parts, male and female, in Glies adaptation of Graham Greene's

Wvndham's, Charing Cross Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm.

TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS": Sarah Brightman and Michael Hordern head a terrific cast in Pinero's engaging comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian

Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867-1045). Preview tonight, 7.30pm; opens Mon, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Set, 2.30pm.

REGIONAL

BOLTON: Bob Carlton's updated panto, Aladdin Bolton (geddit?) packed with Sixtles

Octagon, Howell Craft South (0204 20661). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then at various times daliy until Jan 16. LEEDS: Granny and the Gorilla.

or "The Great Ape Escape": For children of seven and upwards who sit in the middle of the action surounded by a huge set. Courtvard, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111). Previews Fri, 1.45pm and 7pm; opens Sat Dec 12). 3pm and 7pm; then at various times daily until

MANOIESTER: Alan Gamer's compelling Elidor, a tale of a magic land just a twitch away from our own, brought to the stage; for seven years and upwards. Contact, Oxford Road (061-274-4400). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm, Mon, Fri, 7.30pm; and

MOLD: Charles Dickens's warning against being nasty to the staff on Christmas Eve: A



and lyrics.
Theatr Clwyd, (0352 755114). Today, 2pm and 7pm; then at various times daily until Jan 23.

OXFORD: Daydreaming Princess Foolina and mischlevous Tom Fool in Fooling About, by the team who produced last year's delightful Magic Storybook, Playhouse, Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Today, Mon, 2pm

and 7pm; then at various times daily until Jan 23. SOUTHAMPTON: Granville Saxton directs Sinbad's Arabian Nights, with stunts, glitter and,

apparently, a full 40 thieves. Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Dec 15, 7.30pm; then at various times daily until

#### FILM

BLADE NUNNER (15): The Improved "director's cut" of Ridley Scott's influential vision of a dark, hellish L.A., Infested with rebel androlds. Harrison Ford, Rutger

Gate (071-727 4043) MGM am Road (071-370 2636) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue . (071-836 6279/379 7025) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

THE CRYMIS GAME (18): IRA gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's girlfriend. Bold, powerful Nell Jordan film that falter at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye Davidson, Miranda Richards Curzon Phoenix (071-240) 9661) MSM Heyminket (071-039

DEATH BECOMES HER (PG): Meryl Streep and Goldle Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis, director, R Zemeckis. Empire (071~497 9999) MGM Balker Street (071-935 9772) MGM

Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

ELECTRIC MOON (15): Pradio Krishen's botched satire about Western tourists fed a phoney

version of Indian life. With Roshen Seth. MGM Painton Street (071-930 0631) Electric (071-792 2020). GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS (15): Real-estate salesmen fight for their

lives. Energetic version of David Marnet's play, though Jack Lemmon goes over the top. Co-starring Al Paono, Ed Harris; director, James Foley. Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) Kensington (0426

HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody Allen's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New York marriages. Stars Allen, Mila Farrow, Judy Davis, Liam Neeson, Juliette Lewis. Barbican (071-638 8891) MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) Minema (071-235 4225) Odeons: Kensington (0426 915683) Renoir (071-837 8402). THE LAST OF THE MONICANS (12): Romance and adventure in the American colonies with frontiersman Daniel Day-Lewis. Shallow version of the classic

novel; director Michael Mann. With Madelerne Stowe, Russell Moons. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

OF MICE AND MEN (PG): Steinbeck's classic Depression tale of friendship and innocence. John Malkowch as the slow-witted Lennie; director Gary Sinise as his protector. Simple, sturdy and

moving. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

PETER'S FRIENDS (15): College pals meet up after a decade for a glib mixture of laughter and tears. Kenneth Branagh directs Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner and himself. Barbican (071-638 8891) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocader (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE (18): New room-mate proves a crackpot. Nicely atmospheric, but the crudities mount. Bridget Fonda, Jennifer Jason Leigh; director, Barbet Schroeder. MiGM Chelson (071-352 5095) Odeons: Kensington (0426

914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) UCI Whiteleys

SISTER ACT (PG): Whoon Goldberg hides out in a convent, Contrived but disarming, warm-hearted comedy. Maggle Smith as the Mother Superior. Director, Emile Ardolino.

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SLACKER (15): College-age layabouts in Austin, Texas, vent crazy thoughts on life, the Smurfs and UFOs. Striking debut by Ilm-maker Richard Linklater, with an amateur cast. Metro (071-437 0757).

STRICTLY BALLROOM (PG): One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Balkoom Dancing Federation. Ebuillent debut by director Baz Luhrmann, With Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice. MGM Chebina (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Winst End (0426 915574) Renoir (071-837 8402) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

THIS IS MY UFE (12): When a single parent becomes a top comedienne, what happens to her two needy kids? Patchy comedy with tears, Director, Nora Cheises (071-351 3742/3743)

MGM Tottenhum Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366). THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD:

Adventures of a Chinese girl (Rosalind Chao) sent to a Gold Rush mining town. Slickly packaged ISN: an American TV movi writ large. Director, Nancy Kelly. National Film Theatre (071-

# DANCE

THE DREAM/TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER: Two works by Sir Frederick Ashton make up this Royal Ballet double bill. The Dream is a delightful and poetic distillation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream; Beatrix Potter was a popular 1971 film, here being given its first live performances in a new stage Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240

1066), tonight, 7.30pm, next Set, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. MAYERLING: A rare chance to

see the superb Stephen Jefferles in one of his finest roles: the doomed Crown Prince Rudolf in MacMillan's sensational ballet of sex and death in turn-of-the-century Austria. The fine Lesley Collier is his mistress Mary Vetsera. Royal Opera House (as above), Thurs, 7.30pm. NETHERLANDS DANCE

THEATRE: Since taking over this company in 1978, the Czech-

born Jiri Kyllan has turned it into one of the world's finest on the strength of his powerful and eloquent choreography. This is the troupe's first visit to Britain in 17 vears and will be well worth the trip to Bradford for serious dance

Street, Bradford (0274 752000). Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm.

LONDON CITY BALLET: The company opens its annual Sadier's Wells season on Tuesday with its production of Romeo and Juliet. The irst-night cast features Kim Miller and Paul Thrussell as Shakespeare's lovers; later in the week guest artists Eva Evdokimov and Paul Chalmer take the ding roles at some performances. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm,

### MUSIC

#### **OPERA**

mat next Sat, 2.30pm.

BILLY BUDD: Opera North opens its winter season in Leeds with Graham Vick's staging (a co-production with Scottish Opera) of Britten's gripping sage of strife at sea. Nigel Robson is Cantain titie role. John Tomilnson is Claggart, Keith Latham, Donald. Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532) 459351/440971), Fri, 7pm.

DIDO AND ABNEAS: Purceit's painiature masterpiece is given an "authentic" staged performance by the English Bach Festival, the first in a series of everns to celebrate the pioneering ensemble's 30th anniversary. The cast includes Della Jones, Nigel Lesson-Williams and Markyn Hill Smith. David Wray directs the English Bach Fastival Baroque Ensemble,

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.45pm. SAUL AND DAVID: Long neglected outside Denmark, this opera by Carl Nielsen deserves ttention not only as a continuation of the composer's symphonies by other means, but also as a dramatic work in its own right. For this concert performance, under the auspices of the "Tender is

the North" fastival, Andrew Davis conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Ulrik Cold and Kurt Westi are the protagonists. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Mon. 7.30pm. CLASSICAL

TENDER IS THE NORTH: A week-long mini-festival within this month's celebration of Nordic culture focuses on new music. A series of concerts by the ensemble Avantil (Tues, Wed, Thurs, 7.30pm), the Arditti Quartet (Frl, 7.30pm) and the Kroumata Percussion Ensemble (next Sat. 7.30pm) aims to put works by composers in context by programming them alongside 20th-century classics by

## EVENINGS OUT

DAVID FREEMAN DIRECTOR OF OPERA FACTORY



6 I think it would be a very good idea if people in London got used to the idea that they don't necessarily have to see plays in English. I have very much enjoyed Thelma Holt's series of foreign language imports which finishes next week with The Tempest in Japanese (last performances today at RSC Barbican). Often in England theatre is just talk, but there are many other things you can get out of it. I'd also like to see Tale of a Vampire (MGM Oxford Street). It's an English-language film by the Japanese director Shimako Sato. I really like vampire stories and this film looks more interesting than the usual ones. I very much enjoyed The Art of Ancient Mexico exhibition at the Hayward Gallery (until Sunday). Mexican art is very approachable to us today because it had such an enormous influence on 20thcentury painters and sculptors. It doesn't look nearly as alien as it probably did in 1900. 3

Berg, Ligeti, Messiaan and Takemires The Place, 17 Duke's Road London WC1 (071-387 0031).

LONDON SINFONIETTA: The group's 25th anniversary celebrations continue with a concert under Lothar Zagrosek which includes music by Lutoslawski, Ferneyhough and Birtwistle, as well as a new work by the edectic young American composer Michael Torke. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800),

Tues, 7.45pm. MASH ENSEMBLE In an inspired piece of programming the Nash celebrate the reopening of the Wigmore Hall with a series of concerts commemorating great occasions in the history of London's best-loved recital venue. The first, tomorrow at 4pm, evokes the Faure memorial concert of June 9, 1925. Yvonne Kenny, Sarah Walker and Adrian Thompson are the vocal soloists in the all-Fauré programme, which includes not only songs but the two Piano Quartets, and music for viola and piano. Four further concerts in the series are planned between January and April. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), tomorrow, 45m.

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# TCHAIKOVSKY ЧАЙКОВСКИЙ

Great days: leaflet from the Wigmore's past (see above)

BARBARA THOMPSON'S SANS FRONTIERS: The British sexophonist and composer has brought together some of Europe's finest jazz musicians in a band featuring Italian trumpeter Enrico Rava, exhilarating Dutch planist Jasper Van 't Hof, Danish bassist Bo Stieff, Polish Thompson's husband, fusion drummer Jon Hiseman. Regal Arts Centre, Worksop (0909 482896), Tues, 7,30pm. University of Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry (0203 524524), Thurs, 8pm. Stables Theatre, Wavendon (0908 583928), Fri. 7.15pm. MOTHER EARTH/THE

SANDALS/CORDUROY: Bringing elements of rock music into jazz can result in soulless technowizardry. Not so in the case of these bohemian 1970s-style funk bands that each bring essential dynamism to groovy compositions. Jazz Café, London NW1 (071-284 4358), Tues, 7pm. THE JESUS AND MAILY

CHAIN: Following the success of their American tour the roofraising Reid brothers hit town for a one-off gig.

Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022), tonight, 7.30pm.

SHAKY: Your mother's favourite rock 'n' roller, these days on first name terms, heads for the capital on the last leg of his tour. St Devict's Hall, Cardiff (0222

371236), tomorrow, 7pm. White Rock, Hastings (0424 722755), Mon, 7.15pm. Arena, Ryde (0983 615155), Tues, 7.15pm. Dominion , London W1 (071-580 8845), Wed, 6.45pm. SONIC YOUTH: One of the bands that presaged the coming of Nirvana, Sonic Youth re-emerge after a two-year absence with a

guitar tunes: Dirty. Rainbow Club, Bristol (0272 304466), Mon, 7pm. Hummingbird, Birmingham (021-236 4236), Tues, 7pm, Academy, Manchester (061-275 2930), Wed, 7pm. Barrowlands, Glasgow (03) 557 6969), Thurs, 7pm.

IZZY STRADLIN AND THE JU JU HOUNDS: The former rhythm quitarist of Guns N'Roses has turned his back on stadium excesses to form a classic, rootsy rock

Rock City, Nottingham (0602 412544), Wed, 8pm. Town & Country Club, Leeds (0532 442999), Thurs, 8pm. Town Hall. Middlesborough (0642 242561),

THE DISPOSABLE HEROES OF HIPHOPRISY: The Heroes may not be the wild boys of rap but they have a fine line in caustic social Jan 17. comment. The laid-back

472 1841), Thurs, 7.30pm.

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THE GLANTS OF ROCK "N" ROLL: On his first visit to the UK for 15 years, Little Richard is joined by fellow greats including Jerry Lee Lewis, Bobby Vee and Duane Eddy. Wembley Arena, Middlesex (081-900 1234), tonight, 7pm.

#### VIDEO

AT PLAY IN THE FIELDS OF THE LORD (Entertainment Video, 15): Missionaries, Indians and a half-Cheyenne drop-out clash in the Amazon jungle. Hector Babenco's laboured version of Peter Matthlessen's novel, with Tom Berenger, Daryl Hannah, it means well, at least, 1991. MATMAN RETURNS (Warner,

Undeniably quirky but mean-spirited sequel, best when the

spotlight falls on Michelle Pfeiffer's ctrifying Catwoman. As before. Michael Keaton gets easily wamped as the caped crusader. Director, Tim Burton. 1992. THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE (Connoisseur, PG): hts flaws are writ large, yet Tony Richardson's film about the Crimer refuses to lie down. Great pattles, dever linking animal (Richard Williams), a witty Charles Wood script, and an amusing John Giel performance. 1968. Available from W.H. Smith, or mail order from Connoisseur Video, 10a Stephen

THE PLAYER (Gulid, 15): Dazzling, whirlwind satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tolkin's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer; plus cameos galore. 1992.

#### EXHIBITIONS

DILANGEME PLATIANA 1892: Now in its third edition, this is the only fair in Britain devoted to Italian works of art and antiquities. Some 40 dealers take part: works on view range from antique sculptures and medieval Huminated manuscripts to 19thcentury paintings. Admission for Times readers is £3.50 — rather than £5 - on presentation of today's edition mia Italiano, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474). Mon-Fri, 11am-7pm, Sat-Sun, 11am-6pm, Wed-Dec 18.

CHIMESE LAQUER: MOST of the works on display come from the collection of the late Jean-Pierre Dubosc, a leading authority on Chinese art and a pioneer Western collector, Seven pleces date from as early as the Song Dynasty (960-1279 AD); others,

from the time of Kubiai Khan and his successors. The latest pieces belong to the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), and the whole offers an unrivalled opportunity to the best in this particular field. Eskenazi, Foxglove House, 166 Piccadilly, W1 (071-493 5464). Mor Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, Tues-Dec 22.

SICKERT: Since Sickert was last shown extensively in London, tastes have changed. Although the artist's early works, reflecting his cosmopolitan experience with Whistler and the impressionists, have retained their lofty status, they have been increasingly joined of late by the once-despised work of his old age, based frequently on newspaper photographs or images from pop culture of the day. This 134-work show gives ample opportunity to see both sides.

Royal Academy of Arts,
Piccadilly W1 (071-439 7438). Daily
10am-6pm, until Feb 14.

ERIC GILL: The first to concentrate on Gill's major sculptures, this show presents him as one of the most brilliant of all stone-carvers. The works combining erotic and religious elements are wonderfully theery, there is no sense of guilt or incongruity here to mar enjoyment of them.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican
Centre EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed, Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues 10am-5.45pm, Sun midday-6.45pm,

EDVARD MUNCH: This major show is devoted to the paintings, drawings and prints made by Munch in the 1890s in connection with his great autoblographical scheme *The Fneze of Life.* Some 85 pieces are drawn from three great Norwegian collections, mo never seen before in Britain. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), until

ALLAN RAMSAY: The portraitist was brilliant with characterful men, but had a special talent for depicting women in an unspecial way, as people rather than clothes horses or stereotypes of femininity. National Portrait Gallery, St.

Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until

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THE SWAGGER PORTRAIT: There has never — until recently been any lack in British painting of portraitists ready to supply something obviously impressive for their patrons. Van Dyck was the founding father; his followers in the tradition range from Lely and Kneller to Sargent and Aug John These pictures are full of pride in position and possession. Tate Gallery, Milibank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Jan 10. REARDSLEY TO BOMBERG: A further trawl through the permanent collection of the Tate has brought to the surface a remarkable group of rarely shown works on paper from the period 1870-1920, or the beginnings of the Aesthetic movement to the first heyday of Modernism in Britain. Some of Beardsley's finest decadent drawings are here, as well as those of the Camden Town Group, Paul Nash and Bomberg. Tate Gallery, Millbank, (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Feb 14.



Decadent: Beardsley's cover design for the Yellow Book

#### BOOKINGS THE BIRMINGHAM ROYAL

SALLET: The company's Sadler's Wells season offers Kurt Jooss's anti-war satire, The Green Table one of the most popular and powerful ballets of the 20th century David Bintley's delightful Hobson's Choice: and The Snow Queen, Bintley's ballet, based on Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale and designed by Terry Bartlett. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), Feb 2-13, JANACEK PESTIVAL: A

kend festival celebrates all types of Janaček's music including some of the reconstructed and unfinished works. Andrew Davis directs the voices of the Welsh National Opera Chorus and soloists including Norman Balley In a concert performance of Jenáček's last opera From the House of the Dead; the Lindsay Quartet recreates the programme Janáček introduced to London audiences at the Wigmore Hall in 1926; and the BBC Symphony Orchestra will perform lanáček's Sinfoniett and some of his rarely heard choral music. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Jan 15-17.

U2'S ZOOROPA '93 TOUR: The group's British dates are as follows. Celtic Park, Glasgow (041-227) (071-344 4020/081-900 1234), 11, 12. Roundhay Park, Leeds (0532 444600/ 445505/ 476962/442999), 14. National Ground, Cardiff Arms Park (0222 644996/230130/757870), 18.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Tweener Rattigan's play is revived. Penelops Wilton plays Hester, the woman who leaves her judge husband for Freddie, a young former RAF pilot; Linus Roache plays Freddie; and Woltek Pszoniak is a mysterious neighbour. Film director Karel Reisz returns to the Almeida to direct following his success with The Gigli Concert. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Previews from Jan 6; opens Jan 12.

LA BOHEME: Scottish Opera revives Elijah Moshinsky's production of the Puccini opera. Peter Bronder, principal tenor with the Wesh National Opera, makes his company debut in the role of Rodolfo, joined by Bolshoi soprano Katerina Kudriavchenko as Mimi. Caroline Sharman directs. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), Jan 14, 16, 20, 22, 26, 28; Feb 3, 6, 9,

GOOD ORATORY: Marking the publication of The Penguin Book of Twentieth-Century Speeches, Michael Foot, Brian MacArthur and Matthew Parris discuss the changing nature of oratory.
Waterstone's Booksellers, 9
Garrick Street, London WC2 (071-836 6757), Tues, 7pm.

Film: Geoff Brown; Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Classical Music and Opera: Ian Brunskill; Rock and Dance: Debra Craine; Exhibitions: John Russell Taylor; Video: Geoff Brown; Bookings: Kari Knight

# WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18 SPLORE

(b) A frolic, merrymaking, revel, carousel, Scottish dialect, of obscure origin; Buras: "A merry core/In Poosie Nancy's held the

MIXOLOGIST (a) One who is skilled in the mixing of drinks, a facetious American rtmanteau: "Who ever heard of a man's calling the barkeeper's SUBRISION

(b) The act of smiling, from the Latin subridere to smile, almost to laugh, but not quite, which is the force of the smit. "In the act of enjoying a gentle subrision." "This half-hearted and somewhat subrisive denial."

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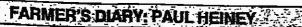
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# I must forsake the tractor, and plough my furrow alone

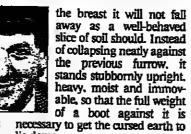
t never pays to go to plough with a heavy heart. The furrow is too narrow to accommodate human regret and remorse; it has its work cut out even to find room for the large feet of the cart-horses. They have their moods, too, when ploughing, but it only ever seems to be willingness or idleness. I can never detect in the horse's attitude that he has much going through his mind other than thoughts of getting back to his manger.

That is not to underestimate his intelligence, for a good ploughhorse is a clever beast. He knows precisely where to walk, when to turn, where to pull, while sensing the mood of the man steering the plough. Well, I must admit that my cart-horses have had some pretty glum moods wafting in their direction this ploughing season, and if I have appeared in any way ungrateful for their gargantuan efforts, I apologise.



The ploughing has been grim this year. We have been deluged with rain on a scale I have not witnessed in my short farming career. Arid ditches have become raging torrents, rainwater hangs in puddles in the hoofprints left by the horses, the sheep are turning meadows

After the long drought, the rain is welcome. But its effect on the ploughing has been disastrous because the soil is so wet that it has ceased to behave like soil should, and has taken on the texture of an over-moist Christmas pudding. Consequently, in the same way that a gooey pud sticks to the spoon, the earth is dinging to the plough as though its life depended on it. and even if it relinquishes its clinch on



What makes this depressing for the ploughman is the thought that for all his efforts to get horses and plough repeatedly along the field (I walk 11 miles to plough one acre), he might be wasting his time. For the purpose of ploughing is to tuck away last season's soil and bring to the surface fresh earth in which to plant the seeds. This trick works only if the ploughman turns the land completely: if he merely



stands it on end, as I seem to be doing, last year's crop will grow again, along with a flourish of farmer who has no chemical remedy to check unwanted regrowth.

I am doing my best, and so are the horses in what is turning out to be a strenuous phase of the year. But there are areas in which I have not done my best, and I am paying

ploughing grew wheat and oats last year. The wheat was successfully cut with our binder, a lightweight device compared with a modern piece of farm machinery. But I was not so lucky with the oats. A rain storm in July flattened them, making cutting with a binder a near-impossibility.

So my neighbour brought his

combine-harvester, then his tractor and heavy trailer to take the grain. then a bigger tractor and baler to gather the straw, and finally another trailer to cart the bales. I pay the price every time my plough hits that patch of land, because where the un-pressured wheat grew, we fling the soil aside with the ease of a child playing in a sandpit, but as soon as we meet the strip where the oats grew, the horses groan and my hands can hardly keep the plough on course through the compacted

Old and new technology cannot

along one of our farm tracks recently and left ruts so deep that as soon as they freeze they will be sure to make a horse stumble. He was doing a job the horse could easily have done had I found time and made the effort. Now the track is a sorry sight and will stay that way until spring. By contrast, the field from which we carted mangelwurzels for three days solid, using horse and cart to remove an estimated 20 tons, show no marks of anything having been across it.

Every time I trudge the furrow, I bitterly regret allowing tractors on the land. Their speed and power does not compensate for the scars they leave on this little farm. Every furrow makes me want to pledge never to have one here again. But I doubt I have the strength to resist it. We are not all jolly fellows following the plough. I am sorry if I have spoilt your biscuit-tin lids for you.

# Free love in the turkey yard

Robin Young finds a farmer making a lot of birds very happy — at least until they meet their end at Christmas



just a story about Christmas turkevs. It is also a story about sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, for those are all

factors that help to determine the way turkeys are raised for the Christmas table.

Sex is something most modern turkeys know nothing about, because breeding policies have made the "stags" so bie-breasted that they are physically unable to mate. The hen, mounted by a modern leviathan of a sexually mature male bird, cannot take his weight and collapses. The stag, unable to reach her, no matter how he tries, gets over-excited and is liable to die of a heart attack.

Even when turkeys do mate normally, the success rate in fertilising and hatching the eggs is only about 20 per cent. Applying artificial inseminaper cent success as normal. Almost without exception. therefore, commercially raised birds nowadays are the results

of artificial insemination. The exceptions are just 70 birds now under sentence of death at a farm near Brentwood in Essex. They are the progeny of sexually liberated parents, raised by Kelly's Turkeys of Danbury, Essex, to the special order of Richard Guy of the Real Meat Company in

Warminster, Wiltshire. Mr Guy's company specialises in ethical meat products. "We put the principle first and determine the price second," Mr Guy says. It follows that the Real Meat Company's turkeys suffer none of the indignities, discomforts or cruelties (save the terminal one) inflicted on their intensively

farmed counterparts. Most turkeys are factoryfarmed, like broiler chickens.

means that the birds are kept in a shed but allowed natural light and some room to move. Factory and pole-farmed birds have their beaks trimmed, or removed completely, to stop them pecking each other to bits. Turkeys are naturally very active," says Mr Guy. "If they are not let out into the open early in life, they get bored and irritable and start

pecking each other."
Mr Guy's birds do not have to undergo "de-beaking" or "beak-trimming" because they range freely. At liberty to roam over a field pecking at stones, weeds and fence-poles they weeds and fence-poles, they feel no need to pick bits out of each other. "If you see a bird described as being free-range with a trimmed beak," he says, "you know the description is not to be trusted. The

two are pretty well a test for each other. Fully free-range birds have complete beaks." Nor do Mr Guy's turkeys, raised for him at Brentwood drugs. Most modern turkeys do. No fewer than 24 drugs are routinely added to turkey "starter crumbs" and feed to promote growth and to inhibit diseases. The turkey's phar-macopoeia is, in fact, more liberally stocked than that for any other farm animal.

although the labels advise

producers to withdraw medicated feeds at least a few days before slaughter. The Real Meat Company is one of relatively few free-range producers that abjure all drugs and feed additives throughout the birds' life. "I was boasting about this rather loudly." Mr Guy says, "when I was chal-lenged by Clare Druce of Chickens' Lib. the pressure group. She said I would not have made any turkeys' life complete until I allowed adult

birds some sexual fulfilment." Mrs Druce does not have Christmases.

thinks turkey farming as practised in modern Britain is barbaric. Debeaked turkeys, she says, experience "phantom limb syndrome" in the same way that a human who loses a limb can feel that it is still there. "It is a homible munilation," she says.

On the other hand, she is unhappily aware that when turkeys are kept in close proximity to each other, they peck each other's eyes out. "I have seen videos of factory-farmed turkeys cannibalising each other," she adds.

She is not much happier about artificial insemination. which happens two or three times a week and, she says, causes the males great stress.

Mr Guy says he was never greatly concerned about artificial insemination before, although among his company's products it is only the turkeys who depend on it so completely. "Most dairy cattle are bred by artificial insemination." he says, "but we have so many beef that we do not touch any of it. So our beef is the work of real, live bulls.

"Our pigs, I think, are almost all done by boar power, our sheep are still tupped by rams and cockerels rule the roost over the chickens. Only the turkeys had been missing out completely."

o rectify the wrong that Mrs Druce had identified, Mr Guy ordered some naturally generated turkeys for this year. They are Norfolk Blacks, an old-fashioned pure line breed that remains capable of coition because the stags do not grow much bigger than

So hit-and-miss a method is natural copulation among turkeys, though, even when they come from slimline breeds such as the Norfolk Black, that the marriages consummated



Doing the turkey trot: David Beanland checks the active, free-range stock enjoying their liberty before gracing the Christmas dinner table

among Messrs Kelly's turkeys on Mr Guy's account resulted in only 70 young birds. "We had hoped for 150," Mr Guy says rucfully.

Reverting to old-fashioned love-making in the turkey yard carries its price. The premium price Mr Guy suggests for his full-beaked, free-range, additive-free turkeys this year is £3.49 a pound. The 70 birds that are the product of natural sexual union will be 50p a pound more, but at least people who eat them may be comforted by the thought that they helped make one old turkey very happy.

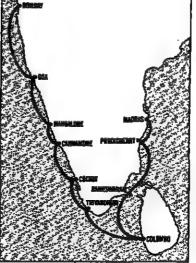
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and compared well with anything the north has to offer. Unlike Northern India, the south has escaped the ravages of invaders through the centuries, its

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history therefore more peaceful and stable, influenced by traders in spice rather than wars. The people are charming and open and less influenced by western ideology, their festivals and colourful lifestyles, their music and dance make a visit unforgettable.

Days ashore in lush tropical countryside will be filled with sights of dvuamic temple architecture, impressive forts, reminders of Portuguese and British colonialism and a fascinating culture of a truly Hindu flavour. Such journeys by air and road are immensely tiring and the benefits of a cruise along this coast are self-evident.

# Call of the gravel pit

Feather report

OLD flooded gravel pits are where birdwatchers should be as winter closes in. The alder trees along the shores are bursting with life. The alders themselves look quite different from the bare trees around them: their branches are thick with this year's knobbly seed cones and next year's purple catkins.

All seems quiet: then, suddenly, the sky is full of small birds that fall into the alder crowns with faint, sweet calls. A flock of siskins has arrived. In no time they are hanging upside-down under the cones, working away at them with their tough

They are agile and dainty green birds with two distinct yellow wing bars. Their forked tails are very noticeable as they ding to the dark twigs. With the sun on them, the males can be picked out by their black caps and black bibs. They have all probably come south from Scotland, where they nest in the conifer forests. Something startles them, and the whole flock goes up

with a twanging murmur. Then they sweep around, and are back in the boughs again. But one bird looks different. It has a gold wing bar, and its head is red and white. There are goldfinches in the flock. too, a little larger than the siskins but almost as acrobatic. Mixed in the flock one may

also find lesser redpolls, much the same size as the siskins and feeding on the alder cones in the same way, but brown with a red cap. The redpolls tend to separate from the other birds in the air and fly off with a hard, rattling call, unmis-

takable once heard. Out on the water in the pit there is also plenty of life. Most noticeable will probably be the cormorants. In recent years they have started coming inland more and more in winter. In the London docklands they stand on the top of cranes and look down at the river. In the country they perch on dead

trees at the edge of lakes. They are large birds with snake-like necks and long beaks with a hook at the end.



Often they open their wings to dry them. The wind rocks them when they are poised like this. Then they dive again, particularly pursuing eels, or they float in the water with only head and green eye

On every part of the water. coors plod about in an independent-minded way. A shoveler drifts off cautiously when it notices humans. There is perhaps a little grebe diving among a stretch of water plants: whenever it comes up. it is in an unexpected place. and hardly stays long enough to show its crimson neck out on flooded fields for wander-ing flocks of teal and wigeon. Twitchers — pied-billed grebe on Argal Reservoir, nr Falmouth. Details Birdline: 0898 700222. (fading as winter comes on) and its curiously fluffy rear.

Black-headed gulls are

going up and down, scream-

ing all the time. One or two lesser black-backed gulls brood on the far shore, not far from a snipe that is sleeping there with its long beak tucked under its feathers. The markings on its back are among the most beautiful of all British birds: the chestnut feathers are flecked with yellow, and crossed by long, creamy stripes.

As the short day goes by, the scene changes. By After the day exploring, what could be better than to return to the mid-afternoon, the gulls are starting to leave for comfort and luxury of the air-conditioned their roosts, winging MS Caledonian Star for good food and lightly away in small company as we sail through the night for groups. Some of the corour next port of call. morants may be off to a

In the dusk, a late gull cries,

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# Bake your cake and send it

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, suggests some seasonal cakes that travel well

NOT long ago, I received a cake through the post from a friend in Alabama. It was a Pepper Patch Orig-

Tennessee

Tipsy Cake. A rich, brown, moist fruit cake, as soft and crumbly as a pudding, its main ingredient, at first mouthful, seemed to be Tennessee's favourite sippin' whiskey; the other ingredients were listed on the box and, after we had finished it. I decided to make my own. The soft, caramelly taste and fudge-like texture comes after long keeping, I decided, but mine wasn't around long enough to test that.

Not having pecan or bourbon to hand, I used broken brazil nuts and rum. I also made the cake batter in the food processor, very quickly, as the original cake did not have large chunks of fruit or nuts in it. If you plan to keep or send the cake, it will take even more spirit.

Cakes in the Anglo-Saxon or northern European tradition stand up well to being sent as gifts. Indeed, in the days of the mail coach, much of the baggage must have been made up of loodstuffs, exotic fruit and spices leaving London for the provinces, and wholesome pies and cakes being sent by the country cousins for deprived townsfolk.

Yeast-based cakes and rich fruit breads keep well and are sturdy enough to be sent by post, train or plane. I have travelled to the Far East with Christmas cake, and from America with my mother-in-law's nut roll. Here, then, are some cakes to make for presents, or to keep for Christmas. They are extremely easy.

extremely easy.

The "stollen" recipe, a German Christmas favourite, is excellent for a leisurely breakfast. I rushed home to make one after we had been given it for breakfast by our friend, Martine, a brilliant cook and one half of T&W Wines of Thetford in Norfolk. I made the mistake of using bought-in marzipan the first time I made it, a pointless short-cut.

since home-made almond paste takes so little time and effort to make and is infinitely superior.

The spiced bread and Christmas ale is a Yorkshire tradition. Serve it from now until Twelfth Night. Black bun is a Scottish speciality for first-footing on New Year's eve, when you will, you hope, open your door after midnight has struck to a tall, dark stranger bearing gifts of coal, salt and bread. Malt whisky is the traditional accompaniment. Buck's fizz with the stollen is not a bad idea.

Stollen
3tsp/15g dried yeast
fl oz/200ml warm milk plus pinch of
sugar
11b/455g strong plain flour

1lb/455g strong plain flour 2 tsp/2g salt 4 lb/100g butter grated lemon rind

8-10cz/230-280g mixed, dried fruit, chopped to even size 3cz/85g chopped almonds I free-range beaten egg

Marzipan
21b/230g ground almonds
41b/110g caster sugar
10z/30g melted butter

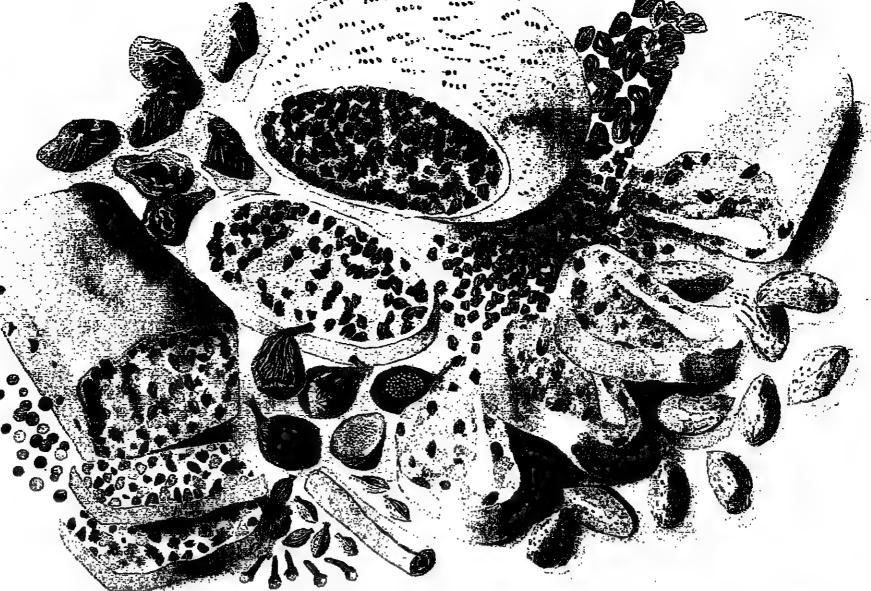
sufficient egg white to bind together

Sprinkle the yeast on the milk and leave until it froths. Sift flour and salt into a bowl, and rub in the butter. Add the lemon, fruit, almonds, and then the yeast mixture and egg. Mix to a dough, and knead for ten minutes. Cover. and leave to rise until doubled in bulk. Knock back, and knead the dough for a few minutes, and roll into a long oval. Roll the marzipan into a cylinder, and place down the length of the dough slightly to one side. Fold over the dough, and pinch down to seal. Place on a greased baking sheet. Cover with a clean, damp cloth, and leave to rise in a warm place for 40 minutes or until doubled in size. Bake in a preheated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6 for 30 to 35 minutes, until

well risen and golden brown.

Transfer to wire rack to cool. Dust

with icing sugar before serving.



Spiced bread and Christmas ale

(makes a 21b/approx1 kg loaf)
12oz/340g plain flour
12 tsp ground allspice
13 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
12 tsp ground ginger

pinch of salt
70z/200g lard, butter, or
sunflower margarine
70z/200g light muscovado sugar
2tsp baking powder
2tsp dried instant yeast

1lb/455g mixed dried fruit
1 free-range egg, lightly beaten
about 7ll oz/200ml warm milk and
water, mixed

Sift the dry ingredients together into a bowl. Cut in the fat, and then rub it in. Add the sugar, baking powder and yeast, and then the dried fruit. Mix in the egg and milk. Spoon into a lined, greased loaf tin, and bake for three to four hours in a low oven, pre-heated to 150C/300F, gas mark 2. Allow to cool in the tin before removing, then wrap and store. Serve sliced and buttered, with Christmas ale.

Christmas ale (makes about 1 pt/570ml) 1 pt/570ml ale, such as Theakston's

2 free-range eggs 1-2tbsp light muscovado sugar freshly grated nutmeg

Warm the ale in a saucepan. Beat the eggs, sugar and nutmeg together in a bowl. Pour the ale over the egg mixture, and whisk together. Strain into a saucepan, and stir over a gentle heat so that the mixture does not curdle. Serve hot or cool. Another version of this recipe can be made with mead replacing the beer, which is, I think, even nicer.

Tipsy cake
100s/280g unsalted butter
100s/280g dark muscovado sugar or

4 free-range eggs, lightly beaten 110/455g self-raiting flour pinch of salt

pinch of salt 4 lb/110g desiccated coconut 6oz/170g chopped pecan nuts I top pure vanilla essence

3-4fl oz/85-i 10ml bourbon or rum ruilk

Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs and flour alternately. Stir in the rest of the ingredients, except for half the spirit, and add enough milk to give a soft dropping consistency to the mixture. Grease and line a loaf tin, and spoon in the mixture. Smooth the top, and bake for two hours in a pre-heated oven at 150C/300F, gas mark 3. Allow to cool in the tin. Pour the remaining spirit over the cake, having poked holes in it with a skewer. Cover the cake with foil, and allow to stand in a cool place until the spirit is absorbed. It will keep for several weeks in greaseproof and foil.

Black bun

Dough

3tsp dried yeast

pt/580ml warm skimmed milk

2lb/900g strong plain flour

Sprinkle the dried yeast on to the milk, and let it work for 10-15 minutes. Sift the flour and salt, cut in the butter, and then rub in until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Mix in the yeasty liquid, and knead it until smooth on a floured work surface. Place the dough in an oiled bowl, cover with a clean tea towel wrung out in hot water, and put it to rise in a warm draught-free place until doubled in size. However, as with any yeast baking, if it suits your timetable better, let it rise in a

1lb/455g currants
1lb/455g stoned raisins
¹alb/230g stoned chopped prunes
¹alb/230g chopped figs or dates
6tbsp coarse marmalade
¹alb/110g flaked almonds

cold place over a longer period.

2tsp ground cinnamon
2tsp ground cloves
2tsp ground ginger
1tsp ground cardamom
6-8thsp whisky

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Mix the fruit, spices and whisky, and leave to soak while the dough Is rising. Divide the dough into two pieces, one piece half the size of the other. Flatten the larger piece on a floured worktop and lay the fruit on it. Knead fruit and dough together until thoroughly incorporated, and draw it together to form a bun. Roll out the other piece of dough to a circle, large enough to enclose the bun. Place the bun in the centre of the dough, and wrap the edges towards the centre. Pinch to seal it. Line a 10-12in/25.5-30.5cm cake tin with greaseproof paper, and put the bun in it, smooth side up. Cover with a damp tea towel, and let the dough prove for a further 30-40 minutes. Prick all over with a larding needle or skewer, right through the cake. Glaze the surface, and bake in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for

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here I grew up in Yorkshire, there was a village shop, as well as visits by the mobile library, the fish van from Grimshy, the Coon van sell-

weil as visits by the mobile library, the fish van from Grimsby, the Co-op van selling dry goods and the greengrocer's van, not to mention the daily milk deliveries from the local farm.

What happens today in my own comer of north London? A refrigerated van from an organic farm in Somerset

A reingerated van from an organic farm in Somerset comes every Thursday to sell sausages and bacon to the local deli and individual customers. The same day, a flower-seller from Holland parks his drop-sided refrigerated van so you can see the bundles of blooms in large pigeonholes, a fish van from Grimsby calls every Friday, vans deliver mineral water every day and the milk float, with all the lines it carries, looks more and more like a general store.

general store.

Local shops are good and branches of the large multiples are within easy reach. Yet it is a real luxury to be able to buy food from the person who grows or produces it.

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Arriving home with the milkman: deliveries the old way (from the film Girdle of Gold) more, Carrigtwohill, co. Cork Cinco Dias, Suite 117, 1 (0769 572077, fax 0769

more, Carrigtwohill, co. Cork (010 353 21 883248). Oysters flown overnight from Cork to Heathrow: 24-hour delivery service. Atlantic also acts as agent for Chiefdale in Cork, which smokes distinctive Atlantic salmon.

season is over until next spring. But for those who cannot do without, I recommend salmon from Northern Ireland farmed in open sea with strong tides and low stocking levels. Glenarm Salmon Farm,

Northern Salmon Company, Glenarm, Northern Ireland (0574 841691). Steve Downey, of Heritage Foods of Bristol (0275 462676, fax 0275 462279),

which normally specialises only in wild salmon, distributes the fish in Britain. Simply Salmon, Severals Farm, Arkesden, Saffron Walden (0799 550143, fax 0799 550039) for smoked salmon

550039) for smoked salmon and other food gifts.

• EXOTIC FOODS Exotic Speciality Food, 8 Sycamore Centre, Fell Road, Sheffield \$9 2AL (0742 611318, fax 0742 617375). Retail, as well as mail order, unusual and

useful cook's hampers with

various themes, such as Japanese, Indian, Southeast Asian. Lamb Walk, London SE1 3TT (071-403 1137, fax 071-403 1129), specialises in Spanish products, particularly from Catalonia, including honeys, olive oils and cava. Most dealing is wholesale only, but safiron is sold by post. For £7.50, including postage and packing, you will get 4 grams. The saffron is good-quality, and 4 grams will make plenty of paellas, risotos, saffron buns and fish soups.

Thoby Young, Fresh Food, (tel. and fax 071-402 5414).

(tel. and fax 071-402 5414). As the name indicates, fresh foud is his speciality, including fish from Comwall, seasonal British cheeses, organic meat, French poultry and the excelent Wild Blue pork 1 wrote about recently.

ORGANIC MEAT: The Pure Meat Company. Mail order (tel. and fax 0345 581 463). Specialists in conservation grade meats.

The Real Meat Company.

The Real Meat Company, Easthill Farm, Heytesbury, Wanninster, Wiltshire (0985 40501). Chicken, pork and turkeys from the firm's own farm, as well as meat from farmers who follow its code of practice — about as far as possible from factory farming. Heal Farm, Kings Nympton, Umberleigh, Devon

(0769 572077, fax 0769 572839). Anne Petch specialises in old-fashioned rare breeds, non-intensively reared with her own recipe for feed, which is free of hormones and antibiotics.

Highland Venices Markets

Highland Venison Marketing, Grantown on Spey, Morayshire (0479 2255, fax 0479 3055), sells wild venison. Swaddles Green Farm, Hare Lane, Buckland St

Mary. Chard. Somerset (0460 234387, fax 0460 234591). Bill and Charlotte Reynolds, the owners, farm organically. Goodman's Geese, Walsgrove Farm, Great Witley. Worcester WR6 6JJ (0299 896272). Judy Goodman keeps an ever-growing flock of free-range geese, available oven-ready from Michaelmas

to Christmas.

For more information about organic meat, consult the Soil Association, 86 Colston Street, Bristol, Avon BSI 5BB, or UKROFS, Food from Britain, Market Towers, New Covent Garden Market, London SW8 5NU (071-720 2144). For information about conservation grade meat, consult the Guild of Conservation Grade Producers at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8

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# Hotlines to the wine experts

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DO NOT fret.
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weeks to
Christmas, the
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wrapping and delivering of presents for you.

This year, some merchants, desperate for eleventh-hour sales, are happy to take Christmas orders as late as Decem-

ber 15. All you have to do is make a few phone calls and sign some cheques.

Berry Bros & Rudd (3 St James's Street, London SW1, 071-396 9600) is not the cheapest wine merchant, but it is reliable, so the cinnamon-scented '85 Château Talbot magnum (£39.65) from its two dozen gift parcels is not to be sniffed at. Neither is its plummy '66 Gould Campbell port with a 10 oz jar of Paxton & Whitfield's stilton (£29.50). Postage and packing is £4.50 an item; orders must be in by December 7.

Across the road at 61 St James's Street, London SWI. lies Justerini & Brooks (071-493 8721). Berry's arch and equally pukka rivals. Better value festive wines here indude the two-bottle Moselle and Claret case (£15), the sixbottle Muscadet and 1 lb smoked Scottish salmon pack (£49), plus the bottle each of own-label Sarcey champagne, chablis, and warming '86 Château Beaumont claret (£39). Prices include delivery: last orders December 7.

If you are after swanky packages, Fortnum & Mason, 181 Piccadilly, London W1 (071-465 8666), will oblige—at a price; its gentleman's gift box—a silver decanting funnel, plus the glorious violet-scented '77 Taylor's port—costs £80. Carriage £7.50, last orders December 7.

Style-conscious wine lovers will put gloriously colourful vine and grape-strewn silk waistoats (£65) and ties (£19.50) from Adnams at the top of their list. For a truly memorable gift, why not wrap one around a bottle of Adnams' classic '90 Pauillac (£13.20). Château Latour's "third wine", or a sensational Saintsbury plum and cherry-layered '90 Pinot Noir Reserve (£16.50)? Adnams. The Crown. High Street, Southwold, Suffolk (0502 724222). Charges vary; pre-Christmas orders before December 15.

Buying presents for men can be difficult. Try Dow's 1970 vintage port, plus a pack of Montecristo tubos eigars £75 from Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Row, London ECI (071-251 4051). Delivery



"... And bring me wine": Alan Perry, foreground, and Peter Gunn, cellarmen for Berry Bros & Rudd in London, selecting stock for Christmas

£8.20; orders by December 14. Davidoff, 35 St James's Street, London SW1 (071-930 3079), has the same idea with half-bottles of the robust and excellent '87 Quinta do Noval LBV, accompanied by two Montecristo cigars for £36.90. Townies should contact

Townies should contact Bibendum at 113 Regent's Park Road, London NWI (071-722 5577), for free delivery of cases within the M25 area, as well as in Yorkshire and surrounding counties. Best festive bets here include the fruity Lonsdale Ridge Australian fizz at £3.99 and Bibendum's own-label Verve Delaroy champagne at £8.99. Last orders December 22.

s usual. The Wine Society, Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire (0438 740222), offers the best festive collection. But you must be a member. If you hurry an application through before Christmas, you might acquire the Society's Celebration Case (£23), with its rich, nutty '82 Celebration White Burgundy and smoky '85 Celebration Red. Or what about plum pudding and a bottle of a Muscat St Jean de Minervois, (£15)? Nobody will be disappointed either with two bottles of the society's splendid, aged own-label champagne — Alfred Gratien's '88 vintage due to rise in price in January. Prices quoted include delivery;

last orders December 7.
Scrooges should seek out
Lay & Wheeler's '92 gift pack
selection, whose plummy claret, port and zesty champagne
own-label trio (£27.60) looks

more generous than the price tag, as does the firm's Christmas table trio (£19.95). This offers the fine, musky '89 Château Brondeau daret, a smoky, buttery '91 Mâcon and the delicious, intense, nettley '91 Martinborough Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc. Lay & Wheeler is at 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex (0206 764446). Charges vary; orders

by December 16.

Other keenly priced festive hooch can be had from Tanners, at 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire (0743 232007), whose Christmas claret trio of '88 Haut Sociondo, '89 Roc de Montpezat and '89 La Sablière is good value in a gift box at £20.50, as are the bottles of '91 Côtes du Rhône from the Vacqueyras co-op, and a '90 Ilbesheimer Herrlich Kabinett (£1 I for the two). Delivery free within 50 miles (outside area free for orders above £75), otherwise £6; last orders by Decem-

Yapp Bros, the Old Brewery, Mere, Wiltshire (0747 860423), offers, as always, useful Christmas savings including the 12-strong party package containing six bottles of a fresh, white '91 Saumur and fruity red '91 Gamay de l'Ardèche for £49, saving £6.50 on prices. Charges include delivery; festive orders by December 14.

After all that effort, why not reward yourself with a fruity, cherry-packed magnum of '91 Georges Duboeuf beaujolais in an especially Christmassy bottle? (Le Nez Rouge, 12 Brewery Road, London N7, 071-609 4711, £10.99).

Peter Gunn, cellarmen for Berry Bros & Rudd in London, select

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FOOD SPY: SMOKED SALMON

### Hooked on the best

SALMON, the prince of fishes, is kin to the proletarian herring. Both are from a group known as the *Isopondyli*, and go back millions of years. So the herring and the salmon are both old enough to smoke, and they are smoked in large numbers.

Christmas and New Year is the smoked salmon season, when our consumption of the delicacy leaps tenfold. Smoking a

salmon is simple. You soak the fish in brine. in brine. solit it into two sides, remove the spine and smoke the sides over chippings. called cold-smoking, because plays no heat part in the preserving of the fish. This is achieved by the drying action and the presence

of phenols in the smoke. The old system was to hang the sides on a kind of monster tie-rack in a smoker, a shed perhaps 12 ft by 8 ft. For 12, 14, even 18 hours, depending on the size of fish, the smoke gently penetrated from below. Modern industrial methods use a bigger chamber and the smoke is blown over the fish by machine.

I have to declare myself a traditionalist; the old way seems to penetrate the fish better. Michael Brown

smokes his salmon the old way, using wild fish, some from Scotland, some from rivers in the West Country. His firm, Brown & Forrest, Thorney, Langport, Somerset (0458 251520), sells its smoked salmon by post. An 8 oz sliced pack costs £9.25, an unsliced but boned 2 lb side £26.50. B & F also sells smoked eel and its smoked trout is a very different kente of fish. It is given a sophisti-

t is given a sophisticated taste by adding whisky and brown sug-

ar to the cure.
Supermarket
smoked salmon
is usually excellent so long as
it's Scotch, or
Scottish, as it is
usually called.
The Canadian
version, usually
Pacific salmon
from British Columbia, is cheaper, but it is not
quite smoked
salmon as we

know it. The taste and texture are different: perhaps it should be renamed. It is good, though, in cooked dishes. Samsbury's does two styles of Scotch smoked salmon, both really good. The standard version is £12.60 a pound at the

FRANK JEFFERY

See fucing page for more smoked salmon suppliers

delicatessen counter; its Isle

of Skye smoked salmon costs £7.48 for an 8 oz pack.

How to have your festive feast and survive it too

# Calories to cut

ON Christmas day, the average feaster consumes more than 6,000 calories. The overdose of carbohydrates and saturated fats diverts blood from the rest of the body to the over-strained stomach and inlestines, creating a lethargy that saps energy which might otherwise have been used in exercise to work off the effects. The liver, probably already working overtime filtering alconol, is supposed to be making bile to process fats arriving in the small intestine. No wonder the merrymaker feels dreadful.



You can mitigate the consequences. Roast the turkey and potatoes in olive oil, rather than lard. Be selective about trimmings: fresh cranberry sauce good, chipolatas bad. Why add to waistlines by thickening the gravy?

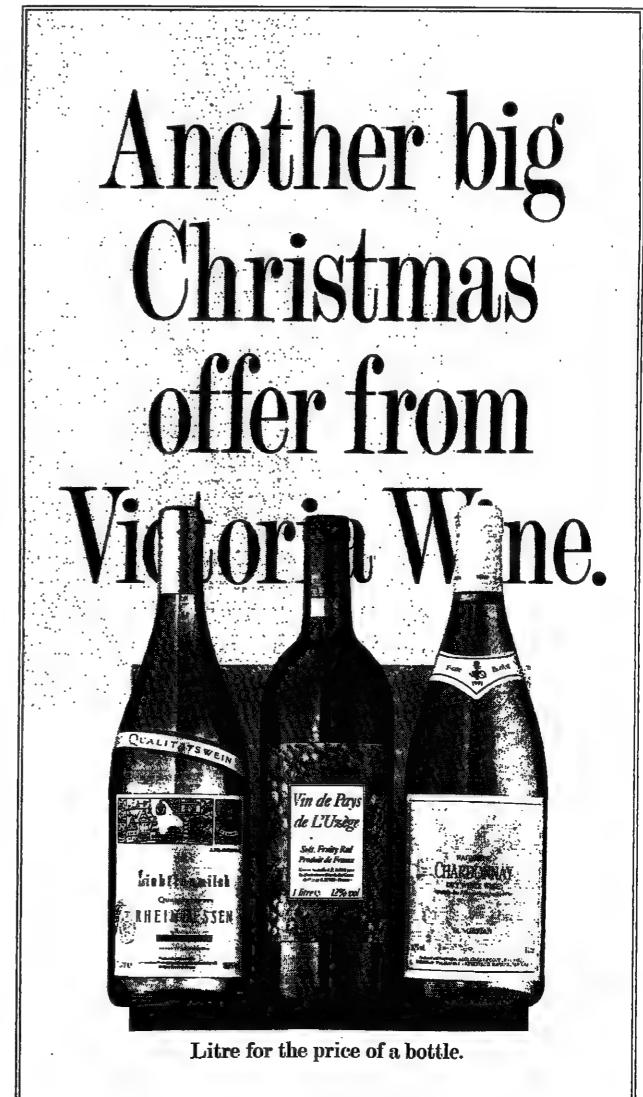
 Cut the far further by making a Christmas pudding without suet, butter and flour, add extra wholemeal breadcrumbs, fruit, nuts, eggs and alcohol instead. Brandy added to a hot pudding and ignited is healthier than brandy butter

• Mincemeat need not contain butter or suet either, and you can dispense with the fatty pastry case too: simply bake hollowed apples stuffed with mincemeat instead of making conventional mince pies. Try buttermilk rather than cream.

• Clear the Christmas buffet of cocktail sausages, patès, gala pie and colesiaw. Bring on smoked salmon, haddock and eel; pickled herrings with chopped onions, dill or mustard sauce; finely sliced hams such as Parma, San Daniele, Bayonne, jamon de Serrano, Black Forest or Tirolean Speck, and vegetable delicacies such as artichoke hearts, dried tomatoes, baked sweet peppers and mushrooms d la Grecque.

● If you do eat and dvink too much, eat before you drink, and intersperse alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic ones. Good acid-blocking drugs are available, and after a blowout, a raised bedhead helps to prevent stomach acid making its way up the oesophagus to cause heartburn and

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# Office party animals

Where will the best Christmas bashes be held? Anywhere, except in the office -

and the wackier the venue, the better.

Sebastian Goetz and Peter Brown join in



slump? No. no. it's December now. and high time to loosen belts that have been tight-ened all year. Time to put on a silly hat and pull a cracker

and pull a cracker at the office Christmas party, where, according to a survey by Alfred Marks, a quarter of all office relationships take wing.

But where to hold it? The only place that's out of court is the office

itself. That apart, anything and anywhere goes, and the zanier the better. No theme has been left unturned by party organisers, no hall left empty by owners desperate to turn a seasonal shilling.

Some venues come as no surprise. You can have a steamy time at the Kew Bridge Steam Museum (wear your boiler suit). You can sin bubbly London Zoo's aquarium. But

the Imperial War Museum? Yes:
thrill at Christmas to a "Blitz
Experience". To the sound of
falling bombs and air-raid sirens,
surrounded by searchlights, reveilers are invited to run downstairs to mock bomb shelters. Seats vibrate to the surrounding rumblings. The party-goers emerge, accompanied by ARP wardens, into scenes of bombed out London, where, pre-

sumably, they sing defiant carols. Even if the personnel manager's budget does not stretch that far and companies can spend £50 taxfree on each employee at Christmas
— the museum's military surroundings alone offer plenty of opportunity for regression into childhood fantasies. According to Suzanne

events there - and the museum has played host to such companies and organisations as BP and Friends of the Earth — people have sudden urges to pilot planes which are suspended from the ceiling, and occasionally they try. They also get stuck in tanks.

Many are the hazards of a cool yule. At a hypnotism party one woman, led to believe that her colleague had just pinched her bottom, turned round and whacked him on the skull with the heel of her shoe. Result: six stitches. Hardly surprising that party organisers have to be insured up to the eyeballs.

Themed parties, increasingly popular, hold their own dangers. The managing director who fancies himself as

John Wayne at a Wild West event should know that it is all too easy, apparently, to break your coccyx on a mechanical bucking bronco. A famous advertising agency re-

putedly held a Christmas party at an ice-rink at which several limbs were broken. The agency has declined to confirm or deny the rumour, but there are clearly dangers in being legless on ice.

Some groups have a natural entrée to the top party places. The parliamentary press corps Christmas shindig has been known to end with children running all over the Chamber, even sitting (don't tell the whips) in the Speaker's chair.

prove the look of their venue by hiring an organiser. They can choose between a Viennese Christmas (string quartets, trees decorated with pomegranates and tartan); a Russian Christmas (stuffed bears, Costello, who organises special snow machine, vodka, balalaikas);



and a Speakeasy Christmas (sky-scraper backdrop). For Reuters, the International news agency, a cater-ing firm called The Moving Venue recreated a newsroom for a black and white Christmas - video screens, monochrome films, huge newscuttings all over the walls. Now wouldn't you think they'd

want to get away from all that?
Others stretch their themes with a vengeance. The Arc advertising agency will be in carnival mood in Chalk Farm this year with a South American nine-piece jazz band, two roulette tables and croupiers, a Others less fortunate can imblack female Santa and a Salvation Army band.

Some people see children as party poopers. For those who do not, there are many opportunities. Staff at BBC'S QED programme this year will be taking the Santa Special, a one-and-a-quarter-hour ride on the Kent & East Sussex Railway from Tenterden station to Northiam and back. Father Christmas and his band of pixies make their way down the train visiting each child and dishing out gifts. Grown-ups get sherry and mince pies, and there's a specially equipped coach for disabled

passengers.

Imperial College, London, runs a huge party for staff and local families each year. "It's half party, half craft fair, very hands-on," says Georgina Kemp, one of the organisers. "Children make kites or Christmas wreaths, and there are science stalls where they can experi-

ment and take something away, or race aeroplanes or cars. There are students and lecturers on hand to help with whizz-bangs. Adults get

Aided by their latest skeleton, invariably called Charlie, the medical students at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, also provide the children with anatomy lessons, a timely reminder for the adults of the dangers of Christmas party-going

generally.

Charlie would presumably enjoy himself at one of the nudist parties organised by Mark Wilson of Eurekal in Kent. People, he says, come from all over the country. "We are the only chib to call ourselves 'nudist'. All the others call themselves naturist and put their clothes back on as soon as it gets dark or cold."

There are obvious physical dangers here, though not, one suspects, much sexual harassment, an annual Christmas party problem and one which some companies these days warn their employees about, and insure against. As Roger Vincent, head of legal services at Domestic and General, one of the underwriting insurers, said last year: "People will have to learn to take their hands off bottoms."

At some venues decorum is essential. The smashing of priceless artefacts in the Victoria & Albert Museum's Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Islamic and costume galleries, which can be opened for an extra fee, would not be welcome. It Surely not.

### Party lines

Museum: contact Lesley Bossine 081-568 4757 London Zoor contact Simon Carpenter, 071-586 3339

■ The Imperial War Museum: contact Suzanne Costello, 071-416 5394

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M Victoria & Albert Museum contact Alicia Robinson, head of special events, 071-938 8366 Madage Tessand's contact Alun Roberts, banqueting manager, 071-935 6861



is perhaps not surprising that V&A Christmas parties can be themed around the Victorians and their unimpeachable morals.

Madame Tussaud's entered the party business when Jeff Banks was courting Sandy Shaw and wanted to organise a twenty-first birthday party in the Chamber of Horrors. The gallows made an excellent stage for record decks, and the waxwork museum has not looked back since.

The Times, which has formerly caroused at the Imperial War Museum and the Lloyd's building. will be holding its Christmas party at Madame Tussaud's this year, as last. It will finish at midnight. unlike that held by the Scotch Malt Whisky Society, which begins at 3pm on December 13 and ends on some unspecified date thereafter. The invitation: "Three o'clock at the Vaults on Dec 13, It's a hoolie we're haein, no' greetin, Bring a freen' an' some wine, And carouse till yon time, But wear anething red - an' no cheatin!" (Translation: hoolie/party, greetin/moaning, freen/friend). The main drink is obvious, though there is also plenty

of everything else.
Hangovers? The Welsh have an answer. In the remote Gwaun valley in Dyled, villagers have not yet recognised the Gregorian calendar, preferring an earlier version. They celebrate Christmas on the usual date, but greet the New Year (Nos Galan) on January 13, thus giving themselves plenty of recovery time, though both, according to the Fishguard police, are "just an

excuse to get pie-eyed".

Pie-eyed? At a Christmas party?

## Haunted by ghosts of Christmas repasts



somewhere may be dreaming of a white Christmas

but I'm dreaming of a presentless, turkeyless, tinsel-less Christmas. Every year about this time I have the same recurring nightmare; it involves going to the country on Christmas Eve and becoming aware that I have not

made a single preparation. There are no stockings for the children, no presents, no food, no decorations, nothing. It is the mother of all anxiety dreams and may well be showing at a pillow near you between now and December 25. Between the oblivion of infancy and serenity of antiquity there are several ages of Christmas anxiety.

Children worry about the number and quality of presents and whether Father Christmas will fit down the chimney. Lovers are distracted by romance and are tormented either by separation from the loved one or by having to share them with their relations. After a certain age there is the

anxiety of being a relation and later still you can cause a lot of anxiety by being a difficult old relation. The middle years, however, are the vintage years for festive anxiety. It is in these middle years, between being an irresponsible youth and a complaining old body, that you have to drive the engine of Christmas you plan it, you pay for it, you find yourself doing Christmas.

For some people, the strain of it all is too much and they go slightly mad. I have a friend called Poppy who, having no living parents. stays with her husband's family every Christmas. Last year, she and her husband were startled, late on Christmas Eve, to hear a terrible shriek coming from the direction of the kitchen. Rushing to the source of the noise, they found Poppy's mother-in-law weeping disconsolately over the turkey she had been preparing for the oven.

Apparently, for the first time in 30-odd years the butcher had sent the bird without its giblets, and the unhappy woman could see no possibility of making gravy without giblets. The prospect of a gravy-less Christmas dinner was too awful to

The upshot was that Christmas morning found Poppy and her husband driving around the deserted Northumberland countryside looking for giblets. Eventually they spotted a live chicken and having, with difficulty, tracked down the farmer who owned it, bought it.

You know you've reached adulthood when parents and children descend on you and expect you to mastermind Christmas. Sue Crewe examines a stressful tradition



Exhausted by the effort of planning the whole thing: the night before Christmas as depicted on a John Bull magazine cover in 1955

With further difficulty they per-suaded him to wring the creature's neck, and returned home with

gravy-making bits. Apart from illustrating that farmers will do just about anything for hard cash, this story shows how immutable are the rituals of Christmas and how burdened we can be

by their observance. The first Christmas away from home can provoke the most pierc-

ing anxiety. We are affronted by change; by not having a stocking waiting on the end of the bed. Even a failure to blend chestnuts with the Brussels sprouts can be upsetting.

The way other people decorate their tree or hang up their cards can make them seem very alien. Whereas one's own family is charmingly warm and informal, our presents to each other original and eccentric, other people's families are more likely to be insufferably rowdy and their presents of recycled gardening books the last word in meanness.

Janine di Giovanni, an author and foreign correspondent, will be in Sarajevo this year - the first time ever she has not spent Christmas with her family. Sensing the festival gathering momentum gives her "a nagging feeling". She tells herself stop being such a baby and

that "you can't sit in front of the Christmas tree drinking hot choco-late with your family for ever". When she broke the news, her mother said in "a kind of little voice, 'we'll miss you very much, it won't be the same without you'".

A male friend will not be going home for Christmas because last year, newly divorced and childless, the old familial patterns were reproachful. "Christmas is about

marriage and children, and I'd failed. I thought the family Christmas would cherish me but I felt lonely: if your private life is not good it can be very painful." We all subscribe to the notion that Christmas is for children, but they are relatively easy to make content, compared to the mass of anchorless adults for whom Christmas is the focus of an anxiety that has been welling up since late summer.

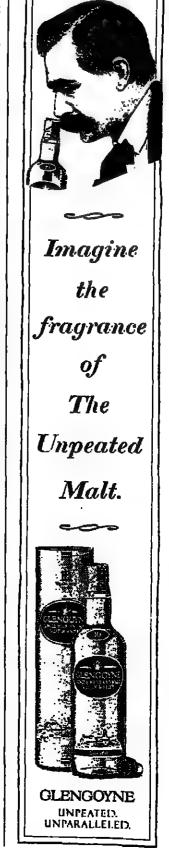
For me, the first time I felt an adult was when my mother came to stay at my house for Christmas rather than us going to hers. I staggered under the responsibility: it was the apogee of my Christmas anxiety. I wanted it to be a magical time for my children and stepchildren. I wanted to comfort my recently widowed mother, I wanted to be Mother Christmas to the whole world and carve a tradition of our own that we could forever turn to for reassurance.

So I reproduced the holly gar-lands and lethal milk punch of my childhood, I herded a surprised household off to midnight mass and sat them down to listen to the Queen's speech. We had the neighbours in and went out carol singing: the dog wore a red satin bow, and in a moment of exhausted frustration. I threw the roasting pan out of the window into the garden

rather than wash it up.

There were several Christmases like that and I think they make a happy etching on our collective memory plate. But circumstances change, and this year both my chil-dren will be in India and their sib-lings scattered. It is the first Christmas that we have chosen to be apart and, suppressing a wild urge to jump on a plane to Calcutta, I will content myself with sending out two stockings. My daughter, aged 20, is relieved about that because she does not think Christmas will be Christmas without one. She will open it slowly and deliberately, making her longsuffering brother pay attention to each and every thing.

The Christmas stocking always has been indicative of life's little benchmarks. It does not seem so long ago that I had to haul myself from a deep dawn sleep to admire Father Christmas's offerings with two tiny people squirming with excitement. Then last year, I realised that I was fast approaching my own second childhood when I found myself rattling and clattering in a wake-up-it's-Christmasmorning sort of way. The lumpen young adults were slumbering on and I'd been awake since the early hours, eager to open a present.



### MY PERFECT WEEKEND

### SARA PARKIN

Former chair of the Green Party

Where would you go?
To the isle of Islay off the west coast of Scotland. Islay is the most southerly of the Inner Hebrides.

How would you get there? By overnight train to Glasgow and then by coach to West Loch Tarbert, where I would catch a ferry for the two-hour trip to the island. Where would you stay? In my own house. Although I was born in Aberdeen, the family connections with the islands are long and strong. I have had a house in Port Charlotte, the village where

Who would be your perfect My husband, Max. What essential piece of clothing or kit would you

my parents live, for 12

Wellington boots and a swimsuit What medicines would

accompany you? Anti-midge cream. What would you have to

Local oysters followed by What would you have to drink? Local whisky and spring water.

What music would you isten to?

Everything from opera to jazz and rock. I don't have favourites: whether I listen to Mozart or the Rolling Stones depends on my mood and the time of day. What would you watch on television? One brief news programme a day because I like to know

what's going on. What three things would you leave behind?

My word processor, work

and worry What luxury would you

A good French wine to go with the oysters and cheese. What piece of art would you like to have there? The studies of hands and arms by Albrecht Dürer which are in the British Museum: his craftsman

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Who would be your least There would be no guests on this weekend! Both Max and I travel a lot for our work and the whole point of the weekend is that it would be just the two of us. Would you play any games

or sport? I would do a lot of walking. Which newspapers or journals would you read? There would be so much else to do, and I wouldn't need to pick up a newspaper

because I would have my daily news bulletin. What three things would you most like to do? . Walk to Loch Finlaggan Records suggest that this island in the middle of the ancient loch is the ancient seat of the Lords of the Isles. The chiefs of the clans

would camp around the edge of the loch, and wait to be called to the island by the Lord. 2. Swirn in the loch if it was warm enough. 3. Sit, talking and reading. To whom would send a osicard? To my sons Colin and

Douglas. What souvenir would you bring home? A bottle of Bruichladdich

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# Gifts for green fingers

Francesca Greenoak on glamorous and practical

gardening accessories for Christmas



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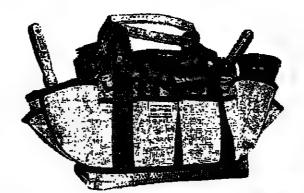
garden gifts, both glamorous and practical, to suit every taste and pocket. One friend of mine was delighted to receive a truck-load of manure — although this is not recommended as a

surprise present. I never have enough shelves or window sills, so was pleased to find a well-made and stylish plant-stand that could be used outdoors in summer and in a conservatory or porch in winter. Made by Ashworth Leisure in cast aluminium, painted green, white or black, the Regency Plant Stand is 74cm high with two 34cm square shelves for plants. (Phone 0282 699969 for details of the special £85 price.

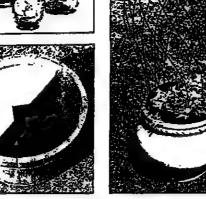
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Garden furniture deteriorates if kept outdoors during winter. Useful items therefore are a wooden garden table and bench, which fold flat and can be stored on matching brackets. (Available from the manufacturers, Prestige Garden Furniture of Bolton: 0204 363563. Bench 43cm high x 31cm x 107cm, E79; table 73cm high x 68cm x 107cm, £129; each set of storage brackets £5.95.)

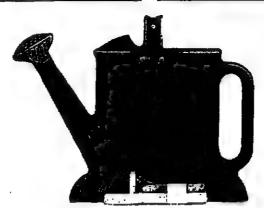
A brightly painted, wooden coopered Christmas tree tub in a traditional design, modified to support the tree, is a seasonal gift that can be used year after year. Red with green bands or reverse colours, these tubs are on sale at the Museum of Garden History at its Christmas fair today in Lam-

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Digging around for gift ideas? Clockwise from top, garden holdall (£29.95); Adrian Chariton's willow baskets (£17.50); watering can memo board (£4.99); wooden coopered Christmas tree tub (from £22.50); Moorcroft vases and planters (from about £33). Centre, open metalwork plant dome (£56.50)

beth Palace Road, London SE1, from 10am-6pm. (Large size 41cm, £30, standard 23cm, £22.50, for mail-order add £4.50 p&p.) Also at the museum today, Adrian Charlton will be making willow baskets for home and garden.

garden basket are each £17.50 at the museum (add £2.50 p&p per basket for mail-order. 0263 734585). For stocking fillers, look out for wooden dibbers and a delightful memo board in the shape of a watering can (£4.99). Garden centres stock useful

smali presents: plastic garden tidies and trugs are cheap, cheerful and invaluable. Sturdy hand tools are also popular. The Odell aluminium range is strong and good value at £19.99 for trowel, fork and

Reld and Waterer's mailorder catalogue offers a smart garden holdall with elasticated pockets at £29.95, with short, three-pocket bib apron to match for £8.95. Their string line with wooden pegs is £9.50, and traditional birchwood trug with brass rivets is £34.95. This catalogue also has an unusual open metalwork plant dome, based on a swirling Russian trellis

property business.

can all year.

Tou will say that I have chosen a

opposite my attic window, at the far end

sing in, possibly indeed to sing about,

acacia tree was now on the lawn beneath. A number of birds, moreover,

were ambling about looking at it woodpigeons, blackbirds, sparrows, the odd magpie. Nothing special: this is Cricklewood. There hasn't been a tou-

I could not of course, from that

distance, tell what these birds were thinking. Even a major ornithologist

would be hard-pushed, at 50 feet, to

distinguish between avian grief, say,

and curiosity, surprise and irritation.

But I could see they were interested. A fallen nest was clearly a big event. It was

something to chirp home about. So I went down for a shufti of my own. The

crowd of birds dispersed, but only to

observe me from fence and tree and

sundial; they wanted to know what a man would do with a nest. Time would

It was a large nest, some two feet

as a substantial detached family resi-

dence, constructed from traditional ma-terials and finished to a high standard to

suit the most discriminating taste, the exterior in sturdy latticed twig, the

interior furnished with fine moss, grass

and mud, and the whole held together

long understood birds' nests to be held

together with; it is what has always,

when the Chinese soup menu is offered,

The nest between my hands was, in

short, an impressive artefact. Much

time, talent, and effort had patently

gone into it: it was, furthermore,

resonant with the sentimental input

made me opt for won ton).

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buy Christmas trees this year from a pientiful supply. In Britain the standard Norway spruce should be available at about £1.60-£2/30cm. Barerooted and blocked trees will with containerised and rootballed trees more expensive. Nordmann and noble firs and blue spruce have less scented foliage but better needle-holding properties. All trees benefit from being kept in the cool before use and require regular

The Royal Hordcultural Society Diary 1993 is worth buying for the beautiful and accurate plant watercolours by the artist Dorothy Martin (Frances Lincoln, £9.99).

The highly glazed Moor-croft pottery, which includes vases and planters, is now

available at some garden centres. Designs include tulips, anemones, buttercups and fruit, exquisite in themselves or with single-colour flowers or plants. (Small vases start at about £33; phone W. Moorcroft on 0782 214323



Plentiful: Christmas trees

### WEEKEND TIPS

 Do winter jobs such as the repair of fences, walls and trellis while plants are in winter dormancy.

 Cut canes of autumn fruiting raspberries to ground

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this month. • Clean and service lawn-

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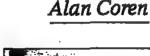
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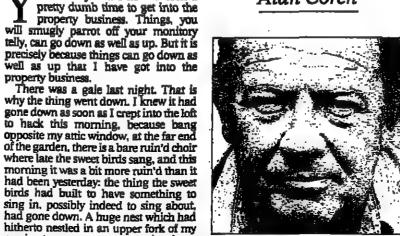












Feathering a nest of troubles

### in Cricklewood

common to all domestic premises - a mutually besotted young couple had built it with their own beaks, raised their offspring in it, and, when love finally lost its battle with duty, booted them from its rim, to watch, weeping as only birds can, while the kids fluttered ineptly off to new lives of their own. You could not just bung a thing like that on the compost heap. Especially as it seemed in pristine nick. This was a quality nest: might it

not still be a des. res. to suit Ige. fmly.?

I came inside again and rang the RSPB. Oh yes, said Mr Barton, nests were indeed re-used, often year after year, getting even bigger and better in across, and surprisingly heavy. What we in the property business would describe the process; and, what was more, some birds sought to return to re-use their own nests, provided they hadn't been taken over by birds of prey. He also, bless him, faxed me several pages of information to help me identify the property-owner in question, since different birds build different sorts of nest in different trees at different heights. by best spit (at least, that is what I have

This, you will already have guessed, was far less help to me than the helpful Mr Barton intended: it left me with options, each of which was more unfathomable than the last I could, for example, put the nest back in the acacia. but I could not put it back where it was before, because they are whippy things, acacias, you do not want to climb above a certain height. I should have to wedge it in a lower tork. If I wanted to relocate the nest at its former height, I could do it only in the pear tree. Alternatively, if I preferred to stay out of traction, I could simply shove it, shoulder height, in a hedge. But since I could not only not put it where it was before but could not even identify which bird had built it, all these options boded spring trouble: the returning birds would say hallo, what is our home doing down here/over there, we are woodpigeors, what is it doing at blackbird height, why is it in a hedge etc. whereupon they would have a look inside and find either that blackbirds had indeed moved in, or that a bird of prev had beaten all of them to it, and what would the woodpigeons, if that's what they were, could be magpies, do then? They are not built to have a go at a condor, they would probably end up fighting among themselves, he shrieking this is the wrong garden altogether, I told you we should have turned left at Wembley, she crying none of this would have happened if you'd built a new nest. I never liked the old one anyhow, all them weeds...

They might well, as a result, split up.
Destined eggs would not get laid.
Worse, who knew, one woodpigeon
might resign itself to living on alone at magpie height and end up mating out with some undiscriminating jay. Chaos theory could reign. As the result of my well-meaning intervention, pigeons might one day mutate into amphibious gastropods and hairy sparrows spin their webs in chimney corners. Johnny evolution is an unpredictable cove, look at the duck-billed platypus, it might well have started out as a variety of chaffinch before some Neanderthal columnist with more ecophilia than sense began splashing irresponsibly around in

Time's ever-rolling stream. It is gloaming as I write, and the nest is still on the lawn where I left it. From time to time, various birds approach for a bit of a poke about, as if wondering what it will letch in today's depressed market or just, perhaps, looking for decor tips, but as for me, I remain fraught with indecision. There is, mind. an alternative course of action which is gradually coming to commend itself as both recyclingly correct and at the same time reasonably free of interventionist risk: if I attached three bits of string to it, I should have an organic hangingbasket that any conservationist would be

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## A dose of unity and tradition

The first in a new series of reviews on where to worship in Britain

The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Street, London WC2 (071-836 7221)

CHAPLAIN: The Rev John Robson, Chaplain of the Royal

SERMON: Moving modest, with personal appeal\*\*

ARCHITECTURE: Slightly bleak but evocative\*\* MUSIC: Heavenly\*\*

LITURGY: Traditional Book of Common Prayer\*\*\* AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Hand-shake, longer than usual chat with clergy, sherry in the Queen's robing room first Sunday of the

People whose faith in the Church of England as part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church has been shaken by the general synod vote in support of women priests could do no better than take a restor ative dose of worship at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. There the Rev John Robson, the chaplain, is honest enough to admit he once opposed women

Religious affairs correspondent priests because he believed in paternalism. He has come round. "It has happened under God. We must try to make it work." he said. somewhat sadly, at the end of his sermon on the Sunday following

the November vote. Hitherto unsuspected and enigmatic overtones seem attached to the synod's decision in this chapel, correctly described as a Chapel of Her Majesty the Queen in right of her Duchy of Lancaster. In the rousing rendition of the national anthem which opened the service we sang: "Long live our noble Duke", as a reminder that the Queen is also Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

The chapel is sought out regularly by wealthy Americans and other tourists staying in the many hotels on the Strand. It is something of an ascetic shock after the opulence of the nearest, the Savoy, which



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dation by the architec-ture. On a chilly autumnal Sunday, the oil-fired central hearing felt harely adequate, but was assured by the RUTH

chaplain that it was up to the luxury standards of the Savoy Hotel. The chapel is an oasis of traditional church music in today's ecclesi-astical cultural desert of

intimacy of the chapel and the welcoming smiles of the regulars counteract any intimi-

the tambourine. The choir of 14 boys and six men is led by Dr William Cole, the master of music, who has been at the Savoy since 1954. making him one of the Church of England's longest serving men in his field. Like the chapel, Dr Cole seems to have imbibed some miraculous preservative, and appears little changed by the passage of time. The worshippers on my visit were also timeless. Few wore hats, but the 30 or so who were there, mostly middle-aged or older, had donned their Sunday best and travelled in from as far afield as Oxford, Putney and Wimbledon to drink from the regenerative spring of tradition. All were friendly and charming, wel-coming the sight of a new face. A member of the royal family

might occasionally drop by infor-mally for worship when in London

enticed to stay within the worshipat the weekend, but congregations ping fold.

not falling under any ecclesiastical

jurisdiction. Couples need a special

archbishop's licence to marry there.

Couples who do succeed in meeting

the stringent requirements and

acquiring one of the sought-after

licences get a special reward: they

meet for a romantic re-run of their

weddings at a special Valentine

service each February, when they

renew their yows. Thus are many



been hit by the fall in tourism, especially from the United States. Like so many attractive churches. it is however in great demand by couples wishing to tie the knot. For historic reasons, many are disappointed. The chapel started life as one of three which served an almshouse for "pouer, nedie people". Built in 1512 by Henry VII, it was taken over by the Duchy of Lancaster in 1772, and in 1937 became the chapel of the Royal Victorian Order by command of King George VI. As such it is now a "free" chapel, without a parish and

Let us pray: the Rev John Robson, chaplain of the Savoy Chapel

the chapel include the 14th-century churchman Wycliffe, plus Chaucer, Samuel Pepys and John of Gaunt. It lies in the heart of the five-acre Savoy Precinct, which hosted the 1661 Prayer Book Conference, an unsuccessful attempt to reconcile dissenters and low churchmen to the doctrine and liturgy of the Book

Unusually, the chapel runs north and south instead of east and west. The side and north walls are original, but most of the rest dates from 1864, when it was rebuilt after a fire. The roof has been painted to resemble the timber roof which perished in the fire, with an ante-chapel and the robing room for the Queen added in 1958. New

oak panelling was also installed when the chapel was put at the disposal of the Victorian Order, but sadly the pulpit, above which was satistic purply, active which was attached an hour glass to help preachers judge their sermon length, mysteriously disappeared about the same time.

he liturgy is strictly 1662 Prayer Book. Thus we acknowledged and bewailed our manifold sins and wickedness which we, from time to time, most grievously had committed. This was a refreshing change from the more mundane. but more common, Alternative Service Book confession of sins against God and "our fellow men". The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable," we said. The congregation may have had the civilised and restrained appearance associated with mainstream Anglicans, but these words were said in as heartfelt a manner as any of the more exotic confessions of personal

The lasting image I retained from the service was that evoked by the chaplain in his sermon. Mr Robson is a friend of the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Rev Peter Ball, who has preached at the Savoy Chapel. Bishop Ball was the only bishop to abstain during the elevised debate on women priests, said Mr Robson: "He pulled his monk's cowl over his head and sat in deep, profound and tortured

prayer. The prayer, hope and belief at the Savoy was that the church should remain united. That this tiny chapel, an island of Anglican spirituality in the midst of central London commerce, remains so strong must surely be a sign that the Church of England, too, can survive its latest upbeaval, yet retain the strength and dignity of ancient

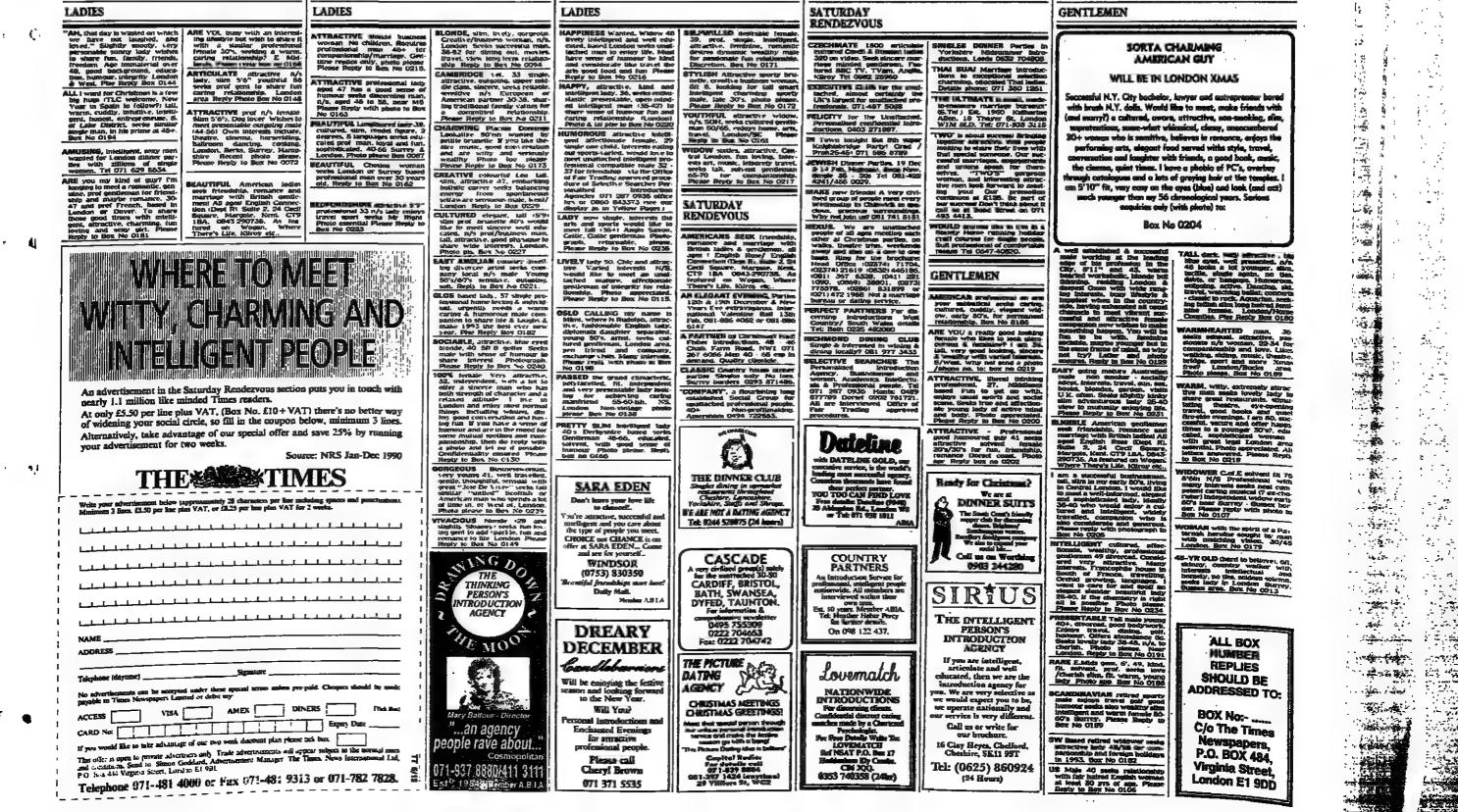
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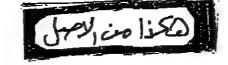
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WHAT TO WEAR



When you grow out of cider swigging and unsubtle chat-up lines, what constitutes a good party? Julia Llewellyn Smith finds out

# Roaring teens, boring twenties

was complete until they had swigged a whole bottle of cider, snogged the first body available, and ended the evening by being sick in the bushes.

Time has passed. Ruth, William, Damon and Henrietta are now 23, and find themselves at parties balancing glasses of beaujolais on a plate which also holds two cocktail sausages, a vol-au-vent and a miniature onion bhaji.

They all agree that parties are not what they used to be. "I hate having to stand around asking complete strangers what they do. It was much more fun when you just got down to it and snogged them," complains Damon, a journalist. I prefer dinner parties, where you can talk properly to people and get to know someone new quite well; or clubs, where you can just dance. Parties are a horrible mixture of the two."

Damon, who is young and tree, but slightly fired of being single, knows that the past is another country, where they do things differently. "You grow out of that kind of thing, 15 times bitten twice shy and all meeting "babes" is still at the back of his mind. "The only thing different from my teenage years is that everyone is more subtle these days. Instead of grabbing an attractive girl. with all your mates looking on approvingly, you are more likely to do the I live in Camden and you live in Clapham and this party is in Notting Hill, so it makes perfect sense to share a taxi home,' routine. Just as unsub-

tle, but in a different way." Unfortunately for Damon, there is no male equivalent of the little black dress. "I always think about what to wear to a party. but I always end up wearing what I would in the street." He says he thinks many men secretly enjoy blackrie occasions. "We all end up looking the same, but at least there is more of a sense of



out on that side of things." Ruth and Henrietta say they spend about 20 minutes getting ready for a party. "That was more fun in the old days too, when your girlfriends came round before the school disco and you all swapped nail varnish and blusher and did each other's hair." says Henrietta. Both have boyfriends and say they go to parties because it is a convenient way to see a lot of people. "At school and college you saw your friends every day, so the point of Ruth, who works for a photographic agency. "But when you start working your friends are all scattered and it's wonderful to have a big gathering

and see everyone. Neither woman has much money, but both make an effort to dress up. "When I put on my flares and my platforms or my hotpants at the end of the week it makes me feel completely free," says Ruth. "I don't actually wear shoulder pads and stilettos to work, but I behave as if I do - all stressed

party is creative and relaxing and makes me realise the time I have is mine to do what I want with." Ruth shops for clothes in markets or at design-

mother to make her things. Henrietta, who works in arts administration, has more expensive tastes, but her clothes last for years. "When I go to a party I like wearing old things feel comfortable in, with maybe one new thing to boost my spirits and make me feel vaguely (ashionable," she says. clumpy-heeled shoes, which add at least four inches to her height. "I thought finally I would be as tall as all my friends, but they are all wearing heels too, so it ends up the ame," she laments.

The only hangover from their adolescent wardrobes is a disproportionate amount of black. "When you are a teenager black seems rebellious and sophisticated," says Henrietta. "I remember my mother was always buying me things in horrible bright colours, because she thought they were young and fresh and black was tarty. Black is best because it's not too flamboyant, and it makes you look thinner and

The four wonder what teenagers get out of parties. "I don't think the kind of party where you say so-and-so's family is away, let's all go round there and break into the drinks cabinet exists any more," Ruth says. "These days they are all taking Ecstasy, which kills their sex drive, and raving the night away in warehouses in the middle of the country. Our wild, cider-drinking youth seems so sweet and innocent in compatison."



From left, Damon wears Levi's denim shirt, £38 from Moonshine, Portobello Road; T-shirt, £8 from

The Garage, King's Road: jeans. E30 from Camden Market; boots,

£70 from Cowboys and Indians.

King's Road. Ruth wears trouser suit, £40 reduced from £369, from

the British Designer Sale;

ecklace, £10 from Monsoon;

shoes, £25 from Cable sale.

William wears suit which belonged

to his grandfather, shirt, £5 from Flip; tie was a gift. Julia wears

leggings, £27 from Pineapple;

shirt, £40 from Jigsaw; boots, £25

from market stall. Patrick wears Dehavilland jacket, £120 from

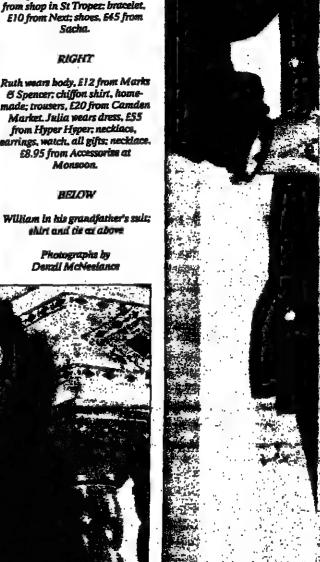
Woodhouse trousers, £35 from

Review; shirt, £50 from Renaldi, King's Road. Henrietta wears thirt, £40 from Warehouse; skirt,

£25 from Miss Selfridge; body, £27 from Oasis; earrings, £10

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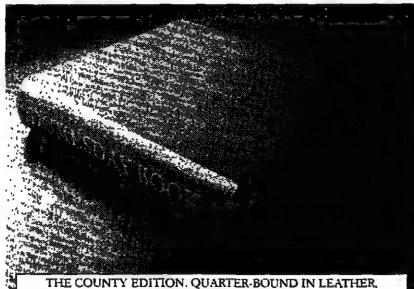
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### If the sound of jingle bells is less than music to your ears, esc Santa-free zones

■ Hotel Nelson, Prince of Wales Road, Norwich NR I IDX (0603 760260). Bah-Humbug Breaks, Dec 28-Jan5, any three nights £58.50-£67.50 per person, accommodation, breakfast. Gidleigh Park, Chagford, Devon TQ13 8HH (0647 432367/432225). No organised programmes at Christmas or New Year. Rooms and suites £270 to £350 including dinner for

■ Youth Hostels Association, Trevelyan House, 8 St Stephen's Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 2DY (0727 55215). Hostel winter lettings are bookable through the three regional offices: northern England (for hostels from Peak District to Scottish border), Matlock (0629 825850); southern England, Salisbury (0722 337515); Wales, Cardiff (0222 396766). The Scottish Youth Hostels Association, ? Glebe Crescent, Stirling FK8 2JA (0786 51181) operates a similar scheme.

■ Blakes Holidays, Wroxham, Norwich, Norfolk NR12 8DH (0603 783221). Other agencies with country cottages available for Christmas include English Country Cottages, Grove Farm Barns, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 9NB (0328 851155). # Betterfield's Indian Railway Tour (0262 470230).



## How to duck the season's greetings

ow do you escape Christmas if you are a modern and unreformed Scrooge? It is not easy. If Christmas at home is a daunting prospect promising a scenario of warring relatives, kitchen disasters, and an excess of alcohol, pudding and television, then staying in a hotel scarcely promises peace on earth either, because most hoteliers feel divinely inspired to organise programmes of non-stop party-hat action, with not only Father Christmas but also carol singers, bellringers, Dickensian actors, mummers, pageantry players, pantomime cats and the local hunt all coming to add their bit to the general hullabaloo.

Even the Nelson Hotel in Norwich, which advertises a Bah-Humbug Break designed for curmudgeons who dismiss the festive season as a total bore, proves on inquiry only to start the package after its house-full of Christmas merrymakers has safely paid up and

departed. The Bah-Humbug Break, or Salute to Scrooge Christmas, is offered not from Christmas Eve to Boxing Day, as one would mean-spiritedly have hoped, but between December pay just £58.50 per person for any three nights (£67.50 in superior rooms) on the assurjingle and carol free during.

In previous years the hotel provided a bowl of gruel each evening, with a guarantee that it would be served without all the trimmings, and the management suggested that a wake-up call could be arranged. each morning in the form of clanking chains and Marleyian groaning outside the

bedroom door. This year's incentives, though, are a jar of English mint humbugs (for spitting contemptuously at winsome graph of the local tax office, and the opportunity to tour not only that hard-hearted institution but also the local waterworks and prison too. Guests will also be presented with a copy of Dickens's classic volume A Christmas Carol (hero: E. Scrooge), which is quite a good book until the end when

it turns hopelessly soppy.
The glorious Gidleigh Park Hotel at Chagford in Devon on the edge of Dartmoor and



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e with Robin Young to find some peace and quiet on earth



to ho humbug: Paul Henderson (left) and Shaun Hill get in the mood at Gidleigh Park

within easy tramping distance if plenty of abandoned pagan negaliths, manger-less hut cirles and bleak stone rows, womises to keep Christmas as

ow-key as possible too. It has hung Christmas decoauons on the ground floor. dmittedly, and will have turbey and mince pies available en Christmas Day for those the require such cliché food, an otherwise owner Paul Henderson's only concession to the eason of goodwill is an extra course on chef Shaun Hill's set menus, in recognition of the her that over Christmas the unavailability of supplies necesarily curtails guests' choice.

"We have never organised anything special for Christ-mas," Mr Henderson says, "and people seem to like it that

The unChristmassy approach, the excellence of Mr Hill's cuisine and the untinselled comfort of Gidleigh's rooms and suites certainly seem to have appeal since, despite prices which run up to £350 a night for two including dinner, the hotel is already fully booked for Christmas itself, though a few rooms are still available within the

extended holiday period. If there are enough likeminded Christmas refugees intent on getting away from it all, one possible solution is to hire a youth hostel and declare it a Christmas-free zone. This year for the first time the Youth Hostels Association (0727 55215) has decided to rent out its smaller hostels during the winter, when they would previously have been closed. Hostels with from 18 to 40 rooms are available from as little as £100. and, although those in the south-west have long been fully booked for Christmas and New Year, a few may still be available to serve as safe havens from Christmas in less favoured parts of the kingdom. The hostels, at least, come

devoid of ready-made Christ-mas extras, which is more than you can say for some cottage holiday lettings these days. The Blakes Holidays (0603 783221) brochure, for example, includes properties marked with a snowflake indicating their year-round suitability, and for Christmas several carry the promise of turkey, mince pies, trees and even presents laid on — which anti-Christmassians will find a complete turn off.

broad, possible ways of A getting away from it all include Butterfield's Indian Railway Tour, leaving a week today and not returning until January 4, by which time Christmas will be all over bar taking down the decorations. The tour will rattle through southern India from Madras, and then follow the west coast to Goa and Bombay, where any nativity scenes encountered are more likely to be reallife ones than icons of religious or commercial idolatry.

Or, for something completely different from the standardissue British Christmas, you could head down under with Ausbound (book through travel agents), who can whisk you from Garwick to Queensland on December 12, take you to visit a working cattle ranch (no little strangers in the cowbyres), through the Daintree World Heritage rainforest (not a Christmas tree in sight), and on a crocodile-sponing cruise.
The price is £1,099 — which

is more or less what Christmas

is likely to cost anyway if you

invite the family to join you.

CHRISTMAS BREAKS



## Where to go for a merry Christmas away

A gift-wrapped package of

suggestions full of seasonal cheer, in Britain or abroad

n principle Christmas is a solemn time of rest, renewal and prayer. In practice it is more often an almighty blow-out involve ing, for many, an exodus to places of highly organised mer-riment and jollification, which is perfectly appropriate since the "mas", as in Michaelmas and Christmas, denoted originally the sending away of the unbaptised so that the temple should be oure.

Modern hotels often look like temples, but their purification is generally restricted to the necessary observation of the food hygiene regulations. Many, though, arrange for some religious observance too, by organising trips to candelit midnight mass and hiring carol singers.

In ecclesiastical Christmas is a feast devoted to a religious anniversary. In our secular world it cunningly mixes mid-winter pagan rituals with the Christian notion of breaking bread together, on a particularly grand scale. It is the last great ritualistic feast which survives in this country, and our best opportunity to reknit the bond between family and friends by gorging togeth

Here, then, are some of the best places to enjoy a very merry Christmas indeed: UNITED KINGDOM

**■ Cathedral Christmases** The Lamb Hotel at Ely (0353 663574), a former coaching inn beside Ely cathedral, offen a three-night traditional Christmas break starting on Christmas Eve: £245 an adult full board, with carol singing and a dance evening. Lainston House Hotel, Sparsholt, Winchester (0962 863588) will be taking guests to midnight mass at Winchester cathedral, providing roasted chestnuts, buttered crumpets and muffins, mulled wine, a day pigeon shoot and pantomine in the course of a four-day programme: £625 a person including all meals.

Supersonic sleighride: The Lygon Arms, Broadway (0386 852255), the Savoy Group's country house, offers a fourday break including carol sing-ers, mince ples, midnight service, Boxing Day hunt meet and, for the children, rides in the G-Force Simulator which recreates the thrill of riding in a supersonic jet, or Santa's sleigh: £185 a person per day. Christmas for golfaholics: Belton Woods Hotel & Country Club near Grantham, Lincolnshire (0476 593200) is marking the driving range with Christmas trees, dressing Santa in green, presenting personalised golf balls, putting jingle bells on the golf buggies, substitut-ing a cold turkey picnic out on the course for Christmas Day lunch, and playing golf videos instead of the Queen's speech: £225 a person for a three-day

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and St Catherine's Monastery, built on the site of the 'Burning Bush', before

erusalem for a stay of two nights.

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sights including the Mount of Olives, the

Garden of Gethsemane and the old city and make a short visit to Bethlehem.

Day 7 Jerusalem/Amman - drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross back into Jordan, Visit the Roman city of Jerash before driving into Amman for the night.

Day 8 Afternoon departure to Amman airport for the return flight to London.

returning to Taba.

Day 5 Taba/Jerusalem - drive to

and a comprehensive excursion

programme, the prices represent

remarkably good value.

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Bethlehem, Amman, Petra,



vided with Christmas tree, cake and presents aboard: from £103-£180 a person for a week's hire. Blakes Boating Holidays (0603 782911) can provide cruisers on the Norfolk Broads or canal boats: £333 a week for a boat for four to six, or three and four-night breaks from

Forte for Christmas: Forte Hotels are offering four Christmas packages at more than 200 hotels. Gala Celebration Christmases with champagne, silver service gala dinners, dinner dances and visits to the theatre, races or other local attractions: Family Christmases with free room for up to three children, under fives free, under 16s £29 a day: Christmas Crackers with games, quizzes and singalongs; and Tradi-tional Christmases with carol singers, midnight mass and pantomime. Three nights from about £55 a night (0345 404040).

Weish wonderland: The Alice in Wonderland Trail is one highlight of Christmas at the St Tudno Hotel, Llandudno (where Alice Liddell stayed, aged eight). Others include the Colwyn Male Voice Choir, buck's fizz, laverbread and lamb chop breakfast, and a Boxing Day race into the sea: four nights from £382 a person (0492 874411).

Highland style: The lochside Ballachulish Hotel, Ballahave narrowboats ready prochulish, Argyll (08552 606) includes driving disco, heavenly harp and Highland dancing in its three-day programme: from £225 a person.

**E** Leisurely konny: Hanbury Manor, Ware, set in 200 acres of Hertfordshire countryside, has leisure facilities which include a Jack Nicklaus golf course, health spa and three restaurants under the direction of Albert Roux. Carol singers on Christmas Eve, Father Christmas at Christmas Day lunch and a jazz lunch on Boxing Day: double rooms from £75 a person sharing

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Christmas in Manhattan From December 18 to January 31 the intimate Mark Hotel on the Upper East Side near the Metropolitan Museum is offering a special Christmas package including dinner, champagne and breakfast at US\$360 (£232) a couple, with the second night at US\$235. At

an extra charge the use of a limousine is available for shopping or sightseeing. (Freephone 0800 282684.)

Scandinavian Seaways (071-493 6696) features Christmas holidays not only to Denmark and Sweden but also up the Elbe to Lübeck, arriving on Christmas Eve. The Lübeck trip, departing from Harwich on December 23, includes a gala dinner and dance on Christmas day, meals and cabins on board, hotel accommodation and excursions, and costs £391.

For music lovers: Travel for the Arts (071-483 4466) has schemes which include Vienna from December 21-27, with Marriage of Figaro at the Staatsoper (£995); and Christmas in the Black Forest, December 22-27, Romeo and Juliet and Don Giovanni in Stuttgart and Baden-Baden (£895).

M Cruising through Christ-mas: Sea Princess leaves Southampton on December 16 on a Calypso Christmas cruise of the Caribbean, calling at Tenerife and Madeira: from £960 (P&O, 071-831 1331). The Cunard Princess's 14-day Christmas cruise leaves on December 19, with Christmas lunch somewhere between Lanzarote and North Africa: from £1,645 (071-491 3930).

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## Get cracking!

Dig out your old cards, felt-tip pens, tinsel and foil and put restless children to festive work, Jane Bidder says



CHRISTMAS fever is mounting, the children are restless and there's still three weeks to go. How can you keep them quiet without spoiling the spirit of Christmas? Easy (well, almost). Dust down your dormant artistic skills, scour the kitchen drawers for felt-tips that haven't dried up and follow these ideas. which always keep my own brood busy during the wet weekend lead-up to December 25.

● Make a pop-up snowman

Buy a stack of paper cups and trim one cup in half. Take the lower section and make a small slit in the bottom - just big enough to slide a lolly-stick through, so that one end emerges into the cup and the other sticks out from underneath it. If you can't find a lollystick, make an alternative out of cardboard or use a plant label stick. The stick must be big enough to reveal at least 4in above the rim of the cup when it is

Help the children to draw a 4in snowman on stiff cardboard tone small circle sitting on top of another plus eyes, scarf. etc). Cut out the shape. Glue cotton wool over the body plus a thin strip of fabric over the scarf for added effect. Also glue cotton wool over the outside of the paper cup. Stick the snowman on the top part of the lolly stick. Push the stick down so that you can hold it under the cup. When it is pulled gently down, the snowman should "disappear" inside the "snowball" (cup) and when it is pushed up it will appear again. Should keep the peace for about ten

### Make a Christmas tree

Cut out two identical Christmas tree shapes (about 10in tail) from stiff cardboard. Decorate the shapes using the stencil on the right (just cut out the black areas, then place over the card and colour through the holes) — young children will need help. Then make a 5in slit in the top part of the tree and a 5in slit in the bottom part of the second tree. Other decorative ideas include cut-out shapes (presents, toys, stars, etc); milkbottle tops, which you can make star-shapes out of before glueing on trees: glitter pens (available from stationers); cut-up pieces of tinsel so you can glue on tiny sparkly threads; ribbon rosette (from last year's bag of left-over wrappings) for the star at the top. Carefully lower the tree with the bottom slit over the tree with the top slit so the two join to form a tree with four sides. Should stand independently. If not, prop up surreptitiously.

#### Make a present

Another way of pressing home the age-old homily that, despite the power of children's advertising. Christmas is for giving and not just receiving.

Pot a hyacinth: Fill half a plastic flowerpot with potting soil. Help the child plant a bulb and then add another

earth layer. Cover the pot with festive wrapping paper and tie a ribbon round top. Granny will be thrilled. Cracker gift: Place a small bar of soap/scent/hanky, etc. inside lavatory roll inner. Cut out an oblong of wrapping paper which is 6in wider than the roll. Wrap round and tie excess ends with a rubber band or thread. Then tie ribbon at each end to resemble a cracker. Should not be pulled.

Carol tape: Assemble children in choir (piano recorder, beans in sealed yoghurt pots, etc) and lead them in a chorus of carols. Record on a tape-recorder. Makes a tear-jerking present for absent loved ones.

#### Make gift tags

Cut out shapes (stocking, star, bell) from pliable cardboard — perhaps using the patterns illustrated — and cover in silver foil. Insert a hole (using a sharp pencil) and attach thread. Alternatively, cut out last year's Christmas cards and make a hole for thread.

### Make your own cards

Father Christmas face card: fold a square of sugar paper in half. Draw a pencil outline of the face (copy from an old card or book). Cut out a similar shape from coloured paper/felt/gold or silver foil and glue over the face outline. Do the same for Santa's hat, using red paper. Cut out tiny black dots from paper/felt for eyes and a larger red blob (or half a glace cherry) for the nose. Glue cotton wool on for the beard.

#### Make a Christingle

Using a potato peeler, carefully gouge a hole out of the top of an orange (deep enough for a candle to sit in). Tie a red ribbon round the centre of the orange and fasten with a drawing-pin. Sit orange on a saucer. Push a candle into the hole. Stick raisins, glace cherries or olives on to four cocktail sticks and insert these round the candle. Use as a table centrepiece. The word 'Christingle" means "Christ-Light" and dates back at least 300 years. The orange represents the world and the candle symbolises Christ.

#### Cook St Nicholas letter biserits (adult guidance needed)

Ingredients	
400g/1lb pastry	•
200g/8cz marzipan	
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This is a Dutch children's tradition for St Nicholas's Day tomorrow. Set the oven to 200C/400F, gas mark 6. Make pastry (or buy, ready-made) and roll out thinly. Cut into strips, about 10cmx4cm. Put a little sugar on your hands and then roll marzipan into finger-sized "worms". Wrap each "worm" in a strip of pastry, gently pressing the edges together with a dab of milk to seal them. Gently form each roll into the shape of a letter. Some are easy, such as "U" or "S", while others will need to be made with more than one strip. Place letters on baking paper, leaving space between each one. Bake for 10-15 minutes in centre of over. (Adapted from The Lion Christmas Book, compiled by Mary Batchelor, Lion Paperback, £3.95.)

### Make window steneil

Take a window-pane-sized piece of cardboard or sugar paper. Draw a Christmas shape (bell, star, etc, or use the shapes, right), leaving a wide margin around it. Cut round the outline (so you can see through the shape but the cardboard square outline remains. Fix the stencil on to the window with masking tape (to save paintwork) and spray, using Snow Spray (£1.25 from W.H. Smith). Alternatively, place sheet of cardboard underneath the stencil and spray on to that. Then fix the sheet with stencil outline on to the window pane.



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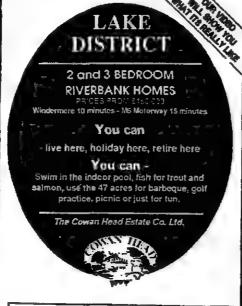
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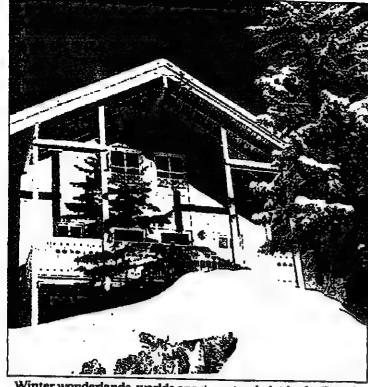
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## Whether it's sand and sunshine or the ski slopes of the Alps, Rachel Kelly suggests festive rental accommodation



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# White Christmas for rent



set in five acres of Jamaican tropical with bougainvillaea and banana and Those staying tend

December heat: strolling the few minutes to the 500ft private beach, or dipping into the limpid pool in front of the rough-tiled, low-slung house, or sipping rum punch on the verandah. They can also, if they so desire, ask cook to prepare a Christmas pudding on Christmas

Day instead of curried goat. That is the joy of renting a house over Christmas: all the advantages of Christmas good cheer and festive fare with none of the miserable British weather. "And if you desire a white Christmas, the beach is whiter than white," says

House on its books.

A white Christmas more tradi-tionally demands the icy fingers of winter snow. The chances of that are remote. There has been snow on Christmas Day in London only five times this century, and in Manchester only nine times. It is far more likely to be a wer Christmas, thanks to global warming and the modern calendar. Whether "white" means snow

and skiing or a beach and sunshine, the price of renting a white Christmas could be more expensive this year because of our withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism. Rental prices in Austria, France and Switzerland are up by about 20 per cent in some cases; in the Caribbean, they are also up because currencies are linked to the US dollar. Post ERM, the pound has slumped from a rate of about



Renting through a tour operator can make better sense than answering an ad in the Sunday papers. Peter Dyer, from Crystal Holidays, which has about 120 chalets to rent in the Alps, recommends dealing with a big company which may have been able to buy its currency before the withdrawal from the ERM, as he did. He has thus avoided having to add any extra currency surcharges to his rentals. able to negotiate better deals, since they rent throughout a season. These discounts will, in theory, be

handed over to clients. Mr Dyer still has about 20 chalets for rent over Christmas and the New Year, the very highest week in the high season. He has just launched a brochure of special

take pot-luck on resorts - who, for example, know they wish to rent a chalet in France but don't mind where - will be offered discounts of nearly £150: from £399 a person week, including flights, to

halets & Hotels Unlimited has the Château de Cran chalet for rent, in Le Hameau de Flaine, up the valley from Flaine itself. It caters for those who prefer informality, says Marion Earnshaw-Sullivan from the agency. "People can stock their own bar with duty free or enjoy a cup of tea when they

International Chapters also has a few of its 50 houses in the Caribbean for rent, including Noeight people. (That does not include flights.) The price is roughly the same as last year: had it not been for the effect of the end of the ERM. the price would have fallen, Mr

compare it to the price of renting Necker, Richard Branson's whole Virgin island, which costs \$8,250 a day (about £5,500). And compare it to the price of Jamaican hotels, Mr Marquis says. "Hotels which offer similar levels of service would charge rates of about £2,000 a week per person, though that does include flights. For eight adults, that means that a week would cost about

Mr Marquis estimates that the food and drink bills staying at Noble House would be about half those of staying in a hotel such as

Sand Piper in Barbados. "And you're more flexible. You can eat when you want, what you want. I think that's one of the main changes in rented accommodation. In the past, people thought of it as a self-catering holiday, which didn't sound much like a holiday. Now these houses are more like a private hotel. You have got everything to

yourself: the swimming pool, the

While the prices of such houses may have gone up because of the end of our membership of the more are available than in past years, especially once Christmas and New Year are over. Deals will hot up later in the year.

Supply of houses overseas has gone up as those who fail to sell in a worldwide slump, especially across Europe, let instead, and buyers are scarce. "I've got an awful lot of my clients who are trying to sell and renting out meanwhile," says Mr Marquis, "but I've got practically nobody who wants to buy."

Demand for rented property in the Caribbean, dominated by Americans, has slumped with the American recession. In the Alps, bookings for skiing holidays are 12 per cent down this year compared to last, Mr Dyer says. Even Christmas week, the most popular week in the year, is less busy this year than last. Hurry and you could be enjoying Christmas pudding on

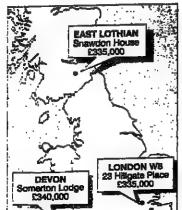
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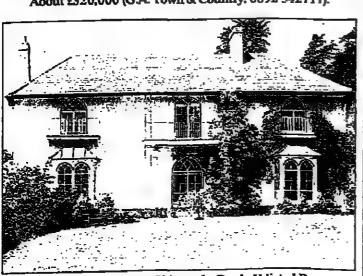
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CHERYL TAYLOR

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale goes out on a dark, stormy night; Martin Hoyle looks in on a dark, stormy life

# Magical Noh holds Bard

The Tempest Barbican

ast week. Michael Bogdanov and his English Shakespeare Company presented London with a Tempest set in a rubbish dump somewhere downstream of the Isle of Dogs, thereby depriving the play of all its magic and much of its sense. This week, it has fallen to a foreigner, Yukio Ninagawa, to restore those qualities and bring them to our National Theatre. His production of The Tempest occurs on Sado, a remote island off the coast of his native Japan; but it is a place that turns out to be several thousand miles nearer the imaginary mid-Mediterranean, and halfa-billion closer to the heart of

Sado has plenty of associations for Ninagawa and his countrymen. It was traditionally a place of exile and it is the island to which one of the founders of the Noh Theatre. Zeami, was banished. It is a suitable enough setting, then, for what the programme calls "a link between the history and cultures of Japan and Britain"? Even without a simultaneous translator, it is clear that Shakespeare's text is played pretty much verbatim; yet the style veers from something not unakin to Elizabethan-realistic to Noh itself.

For what it is worth, the pretence is that one of Sado's many Noh companies is performing The Tempest under the direction of Haruhiko Joh's Prospero. No doubt some parallel between conjury and theatrical creation is implied. But in practice it seems mainly to mean that the scene-



From the Bard to London via Japan: a suitably atmospheric scene from Yukio Ninagawa's production of Shakespeare's The Tempest

remain visible throughout. Some of them flail away at drums before the play begins, their faces hidden by devil's masks, and then others run onstage to create the first of many fine stage-effects. Suddenly a prow emerges from the roughly timbered hut in which Prospero lives, followed by a shaken quilt and a falling blue cloth; and there, simply yet powerfully, is Shakespeare's very own shipwreck.

The Noh influence is most evident in a splendid masque scene, with tall china-faced figures cally patterned robes, and in the broad comic sequences. Goro Dai-mon's Stefano turns out to be a great, shiny hulk, naked but for his apron and a chef's hat; Kenichi Ishii's Trinculo looks like an oriental Easter egg or Japanese Humpty Dumpty, and Hiroki Okawa's Caliban sports wild spiky hair and a long fish's tail, creating the impression of a punk sturgeon. They go in for leaping, tumbling and loud comic display in contrast with Alonso, Gonzalo and the lords, whose speech and conduct is in

keeping with the formal modern

suits beneath their long, colourful

To be honest, the contrast between East and West struck me as too extreme here; but there could be no such reservations about the central performance. Joh's Prospero exudes gravity and melancholy power, and has come up with an interpretation distinctively his own. The wrongs he has suffered enrage him, so much so that he makes to strike Yoji Matsuda's delicate Ariel with his staff when he gently recommends mercy. But then and thereafter he forces himself to lose face: a difficult process maybe even a heroic one, given the pain that has all along been

expressively etched onto it. That left me feeling how relatively easily modern British actors playing Prospero tend to forgive their enemies; how little they struggle against instincts that the Eliza-bethans must have found overwhelming. Here, elsewhere, Ninagawa and his Japanese company clearly have something to teach us.

## In sickness and in hell

Playing the Wife are two of you." says the

Ustinov Studio, Bath

gust Strindberg to his leading actress. "One of you wants to pretend nothing is going on."

Ronald Hayman's play, which had its premiere at Brentford last

month and is currently on tour, dwells much on duality: the love and hate found in one relationship, the rational and irrational in one personality; the difference between reality and truth and how they clash when distilled, or muddied, by the theatrical process. Strindberg hated women, mar-

ried actresses, and was driven mad by them. A tortured misogyny permeates his work. Rehearsing with him must have been unrestful at the best of times; and when the self-obsessed dramatist confronted a player fanatically devoted to a truth that she perceived differently to him, something — perhaps the sanity of both of them — had to

give.
The framework for Hayman's play is such a rehearsal. Harriet sse, a young Norwegian actress. becomes increasingly unhappy at depicting a character based on Strindberg's former wife.
Parallels extend to the unexpect

ed marriage between the grizzled playwright and his new leading lady. Scenes of deception, disillusion and recrimination in his play echo real life, as Harriet is drawn to a young actor and rebels against her tyrannical husband.

Playwright and actress confront one another in the life versus art clash. She meets the model for her character and resents the unfairness of Strindberg's portrayal. He claims both subjective and objective

ledge and the artist's right to change the facts.

Whatever the historical truth, Harriet's sudden marriage to the playwright never makes sense the artically, it is a case of life imitating art, bad art. And as Julia Ormond looks and sounds unremittingly modern and emancipated. Harri-

et's character becomes both a proto-

feminist and an irritating exponent

of Stanislavsky's method before its

She excels when finally quivering with rebellious fury, but until then never gets an exasperating character into complete focus.

urthermore, the play's treat-ment of the nature of theatre and its casualties is weak-ened by the occasional cliche. Strindberg, the omnivorous cre-ator, jots down striking lines from an emotional scene for later use in a play. The plain but devoted dogs-body (beautifully played by Jacqueline Morgan) dissolves into tears at

her loneliness.

Ultimately, Tim Pigott-Smith's production depends on Barry Foster's portrait of Strindberg, a mag-nificent combination of nightmare neuroses and brisk professional practicality, selfishness and sensitivity.
Foster has the look of a man

whose innards are knotted with intensity, and deploys the frustrated energy of a trapped wasp. The dance of defiance he executes on stage is a dance of death.

## Mahler in his own milieu

ome like to think that Mahler's Sixth Symphony bears the scars of his own harassed professional existence at the Vienna Opera. Others prefer to see it as a musical document set to change the face of symphonic art as the century turned.

Whatever may be Christoph von Dohnanyi's view, he makes a conscious choice to present his performance (Dec-ca 436 240-2) in an illuminating historical perspective by twinning it with Schoenberg's Five Orchestral Pieces, from 1909, and Webern's Sommerwind (1904). No similar coupling exists in the catalogue.

Schoenberg's Expressionistic miniatures, with their experiments in controlled improvisation, do for the ear very much what his friend Kandinsky's canvases do for the eye: their clarity and polychromatic panache make Webern's vignette seem a fin de siècle idyll with only the most subtle of hints of the shape of things to come.

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Both works put Mahler's symphony in perspective. So does the Cleveland Orchestra's performance: their first movement is lean and uncompromising, with stencil-sharp rhythms and bright brass chording. Mahler intended that the andante should precede the scherzo. In reversing the order, as is common. Von Dohnanyi lessens the shock of the lullaby following the abrasive first movement and creares a sense of winding down. returning from a fine, translucent slow movement to a linale in which textural dissolution is never far away.

While Decca provides a generous, although unintrusive soundscape for the Sixth. Chandos, releasing the Third Symphony as part of Neeme Jarvi's cycle with the Royal Scottish Orchestra (Chan 91 (7/8) offers less of a

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vi's Mahler, too, is on the sober side. For the composer, this symphony was "something such as the world has not heard before"; yet we hear less of the shock of the new and more the loving, respectful reconstruction of the accepted.

This is not to diminish Jarvi's performance, but to indicate its scale and its priorities. With the clarity of its quiet, detailed passages and its delicate balancing of textures. the symphony becomes more a magic picture-book, less a Nietzschean drama of the soul.

When Nietzsche's words actually appear, Linda Finnie's voice comes into focus from the very heart of the orchestra. Her mezzo-soprano has the dark, true alto range so necessary for these songs. There is a trace of a raw wobble when the voice is under pressure; but this is later articly used to focus the anger, even the horror, within the pain of the Kindertotenlieder.

HILARY FINCH

## Number one with a bullet – or a knife

Ice Cube grows rich rapping everything that

offends him —

most of the world, it seems

### ROCK RECORDS

his week, the American

rapper Ice Cube achieved what neither Madonna nor R.E.M. were able to do. His new album The Predator (4th & Broadway 514 351) entered the Billboard US chart at No 1. finally toppling Garth Brooks. Barely a week after release. Cube's album is already close to registering its millionth sale, an astonishing performance by any standards, and one which seems curiously at

of "white America's continued commitment to the silence and oppression of black men". Cube, who in the past has been far from silent about his unpleasant views on a range of subjects, is naturally full of selfrighteous fury in the wake of the Los Angeles riots, although in the accompanying press

release he confesses that, "I

odds with the rhetoric on the

liner notes which reminds us

loved ... every bit of it".

With its grim catalogue of songs glorifying murder ("Now I Gotta Wet 'Cha"), riot "We Had To Tear This M.F. Up") and misogyny ("Check Yo Self", "Don't Trust 'Em", you name it), The Predator is the perfect distillation of a gangland culture that has descended into a morass of mindless violence and unchecked machismo, where any sort of homicidal sentiment may legitimately be expressed whether or not it is dressed up as a response to the unwavering racism of American society, and where no insult is too foul-mouthed, especially if it is directed against a woman or,

better still, a homosexual. And yet there is a highly stylised and self-regarding quality to all this gritty urban realism that suggests Cube may be peddling a line in wet dream violence that is not so far removed in tone from



Ice Cube: taking violence off the streets and into the studio

Madonna's fantasies about sex. The album is clogged with gloating references to the firestorm of media controversy provoked by his own pronouncements in the past, while the unrelenting expressions of rage and hatred are peculiarly one-dimensional,

almost cartoon-like in places. n only one number, "It Was A Good Day", is anything approaching a positive emotion allowed to surface. When some Top 40 American radio stations seized on this song, with evident relief, and began playing it, the president of Cube's record company was not amused. We are not sure we want that kind of image to be the first thing new fans are exposed to." he told Billboard without

apparent irony.

Meanwhile, the American techno-hardcore group Nine Inch Nails have had the promotional video for their song "Happiness In Slavery" banned outright by the British

Board of Film Classification, a very rare occurrence. The vidto apparently features graphic images of the "performance artist Bob Flanagan undergoing extreme physical torture before being dropped into a coffin and supposedly turned into mincemeat.

The song is taken from NIN's new album Fixed (TVT 514 321), which features "various interpretations" of songs that have already featured on their Top 20 album Broken, (TVT/Interscope 514 147). released earlier this year. An essential companion to the earlier album, on Fixed the nastiness is even more carefully crafted, the sounds of pain, damage and destruction tweaked and elevated to an exquisite pitch of artistic expression.

As an illumination of the dark side of human nature this has considerably greater resonance than the badmouth posturing of Ice Cube.

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Ramble" following "Indiana"
and "Basin Street Blues" in an endless procession. Somehow. Louis Armstrong and his Ali Stars maintained that almost masochistic schedule for 20 years or more.

From the purist's point of view, it was a period when Armstrong frittered away his talents on crowd-pleasing antics. Yet the most striking feature of The California Concerts (MCA/GRP 4-6132) — a four-disc set covering two shows from 1951 and 1955 and including much previously unissued material — is the extraordinary consistency of

his performances. There are, it must be admitted, one or two lapses in taste, but the overwhelming impression is one of a masterful allround entertainer surrounded by musicians who were per-fectly attuned to his needs.

The first concert, taped at

the Pasadena Civic Audito-

more imposing line-up. At this stage Armstrong still had the services of Earl Hines and Jack Teagarden, who joined forces on a stunning version of "Body and Soul".

By the time of the second recording, made at the Crescendo Chub in Hollywood, Hines and Teagarden had departed, to be replaced by the impish Trummy Young and Billy Kyle, who may have been less colourful soloist than Hines but was an accomplished rhythm player.

Barney Bigard's instantly recognisable clarinet is present on both dates. So too is Velma Middleton, the beefy singer-cum-vaudevillian whose con-tribution was frowned upon by many contemporary critics.

A great blues singer she definitely isn't, yet she conveys

an irrepressible air of geniality on even the wobbliest numbers.

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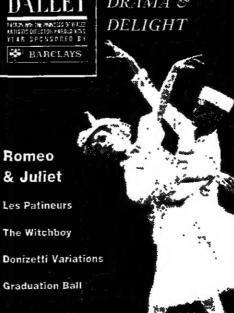
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BBC1

7.00 Champion the Wonder Horse (b/w) (r) (2659495)

 7.25 News and weather (7953143)
 7.30 Spider. Musical cartoon (r) (s) (4811037)
 7.35 Animal World.
 Nature senes with Derek Griffiths (s) (7653785)
 7.45 Quick Draw McGraw. Cartoon western (r) (4809292) 7.50 Litt'i Bits. Cartoon fun with the forest pixes (r) (7331308) 8.15 Chucklevision. More madness and mayhem with Paul and Barry (s) (2642230) 8.35 Bucky O'Hare. Animated adventures with the floppy-eared superhero (r) (1447211)

9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greens and Phillip Scholleld are joined by Adam Woodyatt and June Brown of EastEnders, WWF wrestling star Randy Savage and Marky Mark (s) (78846018) 12.12 Wes

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Football: Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker look forward to the weekend's action, 12.55, 1.25 and 2.00 Racing from Chepstow: the Artington Premier Chase (1.00), the Jack Brown Handicap Chase (1.30), and the Rehearsel Chase (2.05): 1.10 News: 1.15 and 1.40 Boxing: Commonwealth middleweight champion Richie Woodhall takes on Arthur Serwanol; 2.15 Sking: Men's Downhill Championship from Val-d'Isère, France; 2.55 and 3.55 Rugby League live coverage of the second round of the Regal Trophy between Warmgton and Bradford Northern from Wilderspool, 3.45 Football half-times, 4.40 Final Score (39700306) 5.05 News with Moira Stuart Weather (2891650) 5.15 Regional news and sport (9411430). Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on

5.20 Dad's Army. Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn lead the defence of Warmington-on-Sea against Hitler. Freddie Truemar makes a guest appearance when the Wardens challenge the Home Guard to a chicket match (r). (Ceefax) (8572969)

5.50 Big Break. Jim Davidson and referee John Virgo are joined by Stephen Hendry, who is challenged by Peter Ebdon and Damen

Morgan. (Ceelax) (sl (149650) 6.20 Noel's House Party. Bill Owen, Peter Sallis, Ian Smith and Anne Charleston join Noel Edmonds, and Cheryl Baker wins a "Gotcha

Oscar" (s) (673124) 7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Four more couples compete for the pinces on the conveyor belt. With Rosemane Ford. (Ceefax)

8.15 Casualty. Gritty medical drama set in the accident and emergency department of a city hospital. Julian's and Sandra's affair is

exposed. (Ceefax) (s) (276766) 9.05 News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) Sport and weather (502747)



9.25 Film: Weekend at Bernie's (1989). Inventive black correctly starring Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Silverman as insurance company employees who become implicated in the murder of their

boss (Terry Kiser) and try to pretend he is still alive. Directed by Ted

Korcheff (Ceefax) (sj (81136476) 11.00 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two Premier league matches (s) (595650)

12.15em Film: Gymkata (1985) starring Kurt Thomas as a martial arts expert who travels to a strange country on a secret mission. Directed by Robert Clouse, but a feeble echo of his Bruce Lee movie Enter the Dragon (731341) 1.45 Weather (7703761)

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BBC2

8.00 Open University: Science Preparatory Maths: Graphs (5423292) 8.15 Open Advice: Becoming a Student (2631124) 8.40 Suite Dreams (1442766)

9.05 Film: King's Row (1941, b/w). A polished saga of early century America featuring Ronald Reagan in one of his best roles, as a young man who falls in love with a beautiful garl from the wrong side of the tracks. Directed by Sam Wood (41158132) 11.05 The Folk-Tales of England. Kevin Crossley-Holland tells the story of the dragon which caused the Lambton family to be cursed for

generations (r) (3795143) 11.25 Bird's Eye View. Sir John Betjeman surveys the varying homes of

the English (r) (1466747)

12.15 Film: Stagecoach (1939, b/w). The classic John Ford western which finally brought stardom to John Wayne. He plays a fugitive who joins a group of stagecoach passengers on a perilous journey through indian territory. (Ceetax) (443327)

1.50 Network East. Includes a look at the work of designer Wendell Rodencks who draws inspiration from the poetry of the Dalai Lama (4) (37698731)

2.20 Tanhaiyan. Episode seven of the 13-part Pakistani drama. In Urdu

with English subtitles (4275211)
3.00 The Ice Puppy. A documentary following the harp seal's struggle for survival (5898018)

3.10 Films They were Expendable (1945, b/w)

CHOICE This story of American motor torpedo boats in the Pacific during the second world war is one of the less regarded films in the John Ford canon yell it contains some of his finest and most characteristic work. It is far from the traditional Holtywood war film. There is glory but glory in defeat, not victory. There are stirring battle scenes but the emphasis is on the men as human beings, that courage and their fear. It is a theme touched with poetry. Robert Montgomery plays the commander, with John Wayne as his second-in-command, and the Ford stock company is represented by Ward Bond and Rusself Simpson. Among many notable scenes is one in the hospital where the men gather round the bedside of a dying comrade. It is beautifully judged and played, rich in emotion but never sentimental (59558874)

5.20 Scrutting. News from the House of Commons Select Committees. (Ceefax) (8563211). Wales: Wales in Westminster 5.50 Pole to Pole. The continuation of Michael Palin's journey from

North to South (r). (Ceefax) (327308) 5.40 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather (779476) 6.55 Nell Kinnock: The Lost Leader. The former leader of the Labour party talks to David Dimbleby. (Ceefax) (515921)
7.35 Music On Two: Song of the Night. The life and music of the Polish composer Karol Szymanowski (960358)

8.35 Have I Got News for You. Jo Brand and Neil Kinnock join Paul



Tragic couple: Gemma Jones and Anton Rodgers (9.05pm)

◆ CHOICE: Here's a novelty, a play by Terence Rattigan which has apparently not been performed since its original London run in 1939. It was poorly received by critics and public and Rattigan virtually discovned it. Perhaps with the second world war looming theatregoers were not in the mood for the downbest theme. Atte the Dance is set in idle nch London and is about a couple of former bright young things (Anton Rodgers and Gemma Jones) who are now neither bright nor young. Their 15-year-old marriage is a sham and both are heavily into drink. Enter a pert 20-year-old (Imogen Stubbs) who falls in love with the husband and tries to put him back on the straight and narrow. Despite some brittle comedy this is a bleak and tragic piece which offers no easy solutions. Stuart Burge's production does it full justice (47463582)

11.00 Film: The Watchmaker of St Paul (1973). The season of class French films continues with this Simenon tale of a watchmaker (Philippe Noiret) who learns that his son is wanted for murder. A tinguished debut for director Bertrand Tavernier (813414)

12.45am Saturday Night Live. Actress Catherine O'Hara hosts the variety-cornecy show (6411952). Ends at 1.20

6.00 TV-am (5851143) 9.25 What's Up Doc? Andy Crane, Pat Sharp and Yvette Fielding are

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9.25 What's Up Doc? Andy Crane, Pat Sharp and Yvette Fielding are joined by Damili Minogue and Les Hill (s) (34872768)
11.30 A Conversation with Magic. Basketball star Magic Johnson retired from the Los Angeles Lakers after learning that he had contracted the HIV virus. He talks about Aids to an audience of children aged eight to 14 (8495)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show featuring Boney M performing "Mary's Boy Child" (4) (84296)

Child" (s) (64308) 1.00 News with Dermot Murriaghan. Weather (11758698) 1.05 LWT News (11757969)

1.10 European Champions' League Special. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves present the second programme in their new series highlighting the battle for places in this season's European Cup final (93511414)

1.40 Snooker. Coverage of the first round matches of the Coalite World Matchplay Championship from the Dome in Doncaster (97789369) 4.10 Dinosaurs. Prehistoric puppet show. When the chief elder die Earl finds himself as one of the candidates to take over as leader (s)

4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (3956263) 5.00 LWT

News (5631637)
5.05 Cartoon Time (2893018)
5.15 Beverty Hills, 90210. Teenage Angst with the impossibly lovely pupils of a California high school. Dylan becomes involved with a fellow AA member; and Jlm gets hooked on karaoke. (Oracle) (s) 6.05 Gladiators. Final of the energetic high-tech version of It's a Knockout introduced by Utrika Jonsson and John Fashanu.

(Oracle) (s) (582308)
7.05 Ellind Date. Citla Black plays Cupid to more contestants with romantic ambitions and discovers how last week's winners lared.

(Oracle) (s) (428056)



The best of British humour: host Jonathan Ross (8.05pm)

8.05 British Comedy Awards 1992 introduced by Jonathan Ross live from the London Television Centre. Neil Kinnock, Margi Clarke and Michael Elphick are among the celebrities who will be bestowing honours on the winners (79745211)

10.05 Beadle's About. Compilation of some of the more elaborate practical jokes Jeremy Beadle has played on unsuspecting members of the public (565124)

10.35 News with Dermot Mumaghan. Weather (923563)
10.55 Snooker. The concluding frames of today's first-round matches of the Coalite World Matchiplay Championship from the Dome in Development (60814569) Doncaster (60812563)

12.30am Almost Grown. The people at a party 20 years earlier reunite under different circumstances (23148) 1.30 The Blg E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans

2.30 Indy Car Racing 1991. Toyota Monterey Grand Prix (80438) 3.35 New Music. Pop videos and interviews (7658544) 4.35 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan with the latest news from the club scene (s) (4498188) 5.30 ITN Morning News (64761). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Heathcliff. Arumated adventures (r) (1224018) 6.25 Eureelor's Castle, Music and carbons for the under-fives (f) (5135327) 6.55
Kideo. Gravity. 13-part guide to life (Teletext) (s) (1113563) 7.25
High 5. Freestyle sking (2645292) 7.55 Trans World Sport.
International sporting news (4130698)
9.00 News summary (4929785) 9.15 Racing: The Morning Line
(5381798)

10.00 Kabbadi. Men's final between Punjab and Delhi (r). (Teletet) (s) (81650) 10.30 Gazzetta Football ttalla. Paul Gascoigne takes his weekly look at

the Italian league (69018) 11.30 American Football with Gary Imlach and Mick Luckhurst (f) (6037)
12.00 Sign On: News Watch. A look at some of the important news events of November. With signing and subtitles (40230)
12.30 Songs and Memories. Meher Moos offers advice to travellers and selects for females files score (78142)

12.30 Songs and Memories. Meher Moos offers advice to traverers and selects her favourite film songs (76143)
1.00 The Friend. Russian animation (40556582)
1.15 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown. Brough Scott introduces the following: Herry Vill Novices' Chase (1.25); Thames Valley Eggs Novices' Handicap Hurdle (1.55); William Hill Handicap Hurdle (2.30); Mitsubishi Shogun Tingle Creek Trophy (3.00) (76611245)
3.30 Film: Slege of the Saxons (1963). Medieval romp starring Ronald Lewis as an outlaw who saves King Arthur (Mark Dignam) from the treacherous Edinund of Comwall (Ronald Howard) and wins the girl (Janette Scott). Directed by Nathan Juran (279124)

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5.05 Brookside. Ornnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (3038105)

6.30 Right to Repty. Viewer John Healy examines the BBC's new proposals for accountability and discusses them with BBC governor Sir Kenneth Broomfield. (Teletext) (s) (698)

7.00 A Week in Politics. Three conservative MPs with different views on Europa deletes what each wants to see come out of next week's

Europe debate what each wants to see come out of next week's summit in Edinburgh (1211)

8.00 The Big Battalions. Brian Cox and Jane Lapotaire star in the drama about faith and fanaticism. The arrival of an American film star leads Martha and David Into dangerous territory (r) (Teleted)



A jokey message on safe sex: Morris Gleitzmen (9.00cm)

O Sex
 OCHOICE: A Channel 4 contribution for Aids Awareness Week is a spoof documentary from Australia in which a fictional interviewer (Morris Gleitzman) asks fictional young people about their sex lives and uses the format to drive home a message about the importance of wearing condoms. The programme is clearly based on the theory that the best way to preach safe sex is not to be stuffy about it. Amid the propaganda jokes abound, some of them very funny. One is about the man who was so embanassed about asking a chemist for condoms that he bought the shop. White applauding the point of the show, traditionalists may baulk at its assumption that for today's youngsters falling into bed is as frequent and natural as bousting. youngsters falling into bed is as frequent and natural as brushing

one's teeth. There is no suggestion that sex has anything to do with love, and still less with marriage (7495)

10.00 Film: Les Valseuses (1974) starring Gérard Depardieu and Patrick Dewaere as two delinquents joy-riding their way across France and taking everything life has to offer. An exuberant, amoral film, directed by Bertrand Blier. In French with English subtitles (35434747) (35434747)

12.15am Let The Blood Run Free. Spoof medical scap. Mrs Good meets a stranger and Dr Lovechild unveils his new matron (55693)

12.45 The Happening. Jools Holland is joined by Skint Video, Courtney
Pine, Lou Rawls, John Moloney, Kit Hollerbach and Jeremy Hardy

1.45 The Word (r) (a) (938032)
2.45 Film: Pian Nine From Outer Space (1958, b/w). Tatty science fiction tale, once voted the worst film of all time, about a man fighting against space aliens who raise the dead to fight their battles. Directed by Edward D. Wood Jr (7905815), Ends at 4.05

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12.00 in the Line of Duty: Slege at Merion (1992). Mormons clash with the police when

6.00am Showcase (69030)
6.00 Vanishing Wildemess Amoncar (250 Storoge Harbour (1999), Action tale about a merchant seaman (2209187)

4.10 Garwood: Prisoner of War (1990): Raiph Macchio in the true story of a US Army solder, accused of collaborating with the enemy (573351). Ends at 5.50 1992). Mormons clack with the police when ther leader is killed (36124) 2.00pm Butch Cassidy and the Sundamen Kild (1968): Robert Redford and Paul SKY MOVIES GOLD

1945, blw): Agatha Christie whodunt staning Barry Fizgerald (98236872) 6.30 Dr Who and the Daleks (1965): Peter Cushing as the time-traveller (74495) 8.00 Summer of '42 (1971) A teenager talls in the wint a widness of wer horse (727,04055) 9.45 Allos Doesn't Live Hare Anymore (1974). Blen Burstyn supports her son (40175722). Ends at 11.36

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9.00 Unicle Brack (1989)\* John Candy looks after his brother's children (22360)
11.00 Parts Trout (1990) in a fit of rage, Derinis Hopper shoots a woman and her deposition (1990-20). daughter (439476) 12.45am in the Best Interests of the Child

12.45am in the Seet Interests of the Child (1990). Darma starming Meg Tilly as a young mother protecting her daughter from her former husband (896505). Tim Matheson is 2.25 Burted Allive (1990). Tim Matheson is possured by his wife (78456419) 5.00 Flying Tigers (1942, b/w) Romance set in second world wor China. Starring John Wayne (39169964). Ends at 6.35

SKY SPORTS 6.30am Fishing the West (63292) 7.00 The Big League (581963) 9.30 Galette Sports (42211) 10.00 The Boot Room (18230) 11.00 Sour Weekend (53106) 12.00 WWF Wresting Challenge (32834) 1.00pm Sports Saturday (1002785) 6.00 Ringside Theatre (38018) 7.00 FA Cup Footbal (51785) 9.30 WWF Primetime Wrestling (12817) 11.00 European League Round-Up (36259) 12.00 Ringside (17964) 2.00am Supertrax (18490) 3.00-4.00 Surfing Pro Tour (85457)

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Riding (5410698) 2.35 News (1975679) 2.40
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### Philharmonic): Schubert

RADIO 3 6.35am Open University: Access lo Maths — Countdown Equations 6.55 Weather 7.90 Record Review, introduced

3 Record Review, introduced by Paul Guinery. Weber (Overture, Peter Schmolt: Philharmonae under Neeme Járvi): Stanford (Cello Sonata No 2 in 0 minor, Op 39: Julian Loyd Webber: John McCabe, piano): Georg Mathias Monn (Two Cantatas: Ricercar Consort), Haydh Wood (Suite, London Camenos: Creetho-London Carneos: Czecho-Słovak: RSO, Bratisława, under Adnan Leapert; André Caplet (Septet for three female voices and string quartet); Mozart (Symphony No 36 in C. K425, Linz: Amsterdam Berroque Occhecht under

Orchestra under Ton Loopman) 9.06 News
9.05 Record Review (cont):
Richard Osborne presents
Building a Library. Verdi's
Simon Boccanegra; new
releases of late Romantic
orchestral music. 10.35
Record Release: Prokofiev
(Symphony Concett) 0.12 copman) 9.00 News Record Release: Prokofiev (Symphony-Concerto, Op 125: Pritisburgh SO under Lorin Mazzel, with Yo-Yo Ma. cello); Söelus (Scene with Cranes, Op 44 No 2: Danish Nabonal RSO under Leif Segerstam). 11.35 Jerzemy Siepmann presents piano reissues. 12.25pm Ractmannov (Piano Concerto Nn 2 in C. minor the

Concerto No 2 in C minor, the composer, piano; Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopoid 1.00 News 1.05 Vermeer Quartet — Shmuel Ashkenasi and Pierre Menaro violins, Richard Young, viola, and Marc Johnson, cello performs Beethoven (Quartet in D, Op 18 No 3); Peter Schickele (American Dreams). 2.00 Peter Schickele's biography of P.D O. Bach. Read by Peter Barker 2.05 Dvorak (Quartet in F. Op 96.

American) (r)
2.35 Lamentations of Jeremiah: Taverner Consort under Andrew Parrott sings two sets of iamentations by Tellis 3.00 Solti. The Early Years. Natalie Wheen presents a seven-part series on the career of the conductor and planist Sir Georg Soti. In the first programme, Solfi remembers his childhood in Hungary, and his studies with Kodaly and

Bartók. Kodály (Dences of

Abschied; In der Ferne, Schwanengesang: with Max Lichtegg, tenor); Brahms (Violin Sonata in G, Op 78: with Georg Kulenkampi, violin); Bartók (Dance Suite: London Philharmonic); Mozart (Ein Mädichen oder Weibchen (Ein Madchen oder Welbchen Die Zauberfücht Venna Philharmonic, with Hermann Prey, tenor); Kodály (Suita, Hary Janos: London Philharmonic) 5.00 Jazz Record Requests, presented by Geolfrey Smith 5.45 Opera News, with James News with James News Manuel Programment (Ein Manuel News) (Ei

6.30 Live from the Met - L'Elistr

delightful opera raises the curtain on yet another season of these live transmissions from New York's farmous opera rom New York's ramous opera-house that are among the high points of Radio 3's operatic output. The coming weeks will bring new productions of The Ring, Lucia de Lammermoor, Die Meistersinger and Anadne auf Nexos. Tortight's cast includes Kathleen Battle as Adne Emprison Anitra as Adina, Francisco Araiza as Nemorino, Mark Oswald as Belcore and Enzo Dara as Dulcamara. The conductor is Edoardo Müller. Act 2 (at 8.10) begins after the architectural historian Brendan Gril's Interva

9.15 The Translators: In the last of six programmes, Adam Czemiawski discusses Polish poety with Donald Davie Joanna MacGregor: The planist plays Bach (French Suite No 5 in G. BWV 816): Hugh Wood (Three Pieces, Op 5); Ravel (Valses nobles et entimentales); Chopin Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op

k on exploring New York

52) (r) 10.30 Glasgow Jazz Festival: The writer Alan Plater introduces the first of two recorded concerts featuring the Carla Bley Big Band. The violinist Alexander Balanescu joins the band to play Bley's specially Paradise. With Lew Soloff, trumpet. Gary Valente, trombone, Andy Sheppard, saxophone, Steve Swallow, bass, and Adam Nussbaum. drums. During the interval, Plater talks to Bley

12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stareo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: Oliver Walston concludes his travels around Bolivia 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.20 Listeners' Letters 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55 Weather 8.40 Yestenday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Bill Oddie with travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Nad Sherrin, John Walters, Emma Freud and Arthur Smith (s)
11.00 News: The Week in 11.00 News: The Week in

Westminster, with Peter Riddell, political editor of The 11.30 Europhile, with Brian Hanrahan 12.00 Money Box, with Alison Mitchell

12.25pm I'm Sorry i Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttetton chairs the anticote to panel games (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 News 1.00 News
1.10 Arry Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby chairs a discussion
in Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbrie,
between David Marquand,

between David Marquand, professor of politics at Sheffield University: Sheile McKechnie, director of Shelter: Oonald Dewar, MP, shadow social security secretary, and Michael Spicer, MP (r) 1.55 Snipping Forecast News; Arry Answers? 071-580 4444. Lines open from 13 30mm 12.30pm 2.30 Saturday Playhouse:

Rector's Daughter

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CHOICE: Every twist and turn of the plot of Simon Gray's dramatisation of F M Mayor's novel about undeclared love betrays the fact that this is not a piece created specially for radio. That said, probably nobody could have adapted the book more respectfully than Gray or directed the play more sensitively than Jane Morgan.

Julie Covington plays the

eponymous heroine, whose only fault, according to the flutly-brained woman (Sophie Thompson) who marries the parson (James Laurenson) whom the rector's daughte does not have a fault (s) 4.00 News; Age to Age. Christopher Cook recalls George IV's visit to Edinburgh In 1822, and discusses the Ad

of Union between England and Scotland 4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans 4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans reports from a conference held last week to mark the fitteth anniversary of the development of nuclear power 5.00 Costing the Earth: James Lovefock, the former space scientist, inventor of the magneties and creation of this little to the magneties and creation of the magneties.

microwave and creator of the Gaia theory, discusses the environment environment 5.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick

5.25 168 Junction, with Patrick Hannari 5.50 Shepping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News and Sports Round-Ui 6.25 Week Ending (s) (r) 6.50 The Locker Room: Tony Sewell from *The Volce* newspaper considers black male identity (s) 7.20 Kaleidoscope: Helena of Chart Peul Allen meets Chwyd. Paul Allen meets Helena Kaot Howson, the new artistic director of Theets Chwyd 7.50 Classic Serial: The Wrong Box. The first of two stories by

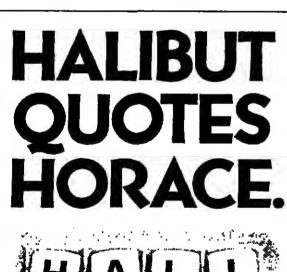
Robert Louis Stevenson (s) Conversation Piece: SUB MacGregor meets Yve Newbold, company secretary of Harson ptc (s) (r)

9.20 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with lavourite melodies (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten (s) 9.58 Weather

10.00 News 10.15 Open Mind, presented by Sarah Baxter and Henry Porter 10.45 Worlds Apart: Anais Jamgotchian talks to Ray Brown about her childhood memories of Greece 11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes on music for the dance

11.30 Dear Diary (s) (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99 8: Radio 2: FM-88-90.2 Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 196kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94 6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m, LBC: 1153kHz/281m; FM-97 3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m, FM-95 8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM-94 9: World Service: MW 648kHz/463m Classic FM: FM-100-102.





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### BBC1

7.30 Film: Badman's Territory (1946, b/w) Proutine Western starting Randolph Scott as a shenit on the trail of Frank and Jesse James Directed by Tim Whelan (93403186)

9.05 Good Morning Advent Calendar Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present a musical appreciation of the Salvation Army's work (5689235) 9.10 News and weather (5684544)

9.15 Morning Worship. In the second of four special Advent services, Pam Rhodes joined the Community of Sesters at the Priory of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Sussex (s) (5432419)

10.00 See Heart Ruth Craig and Sarah Livermore, who are both deaf, crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a 72ft ketch. With signing and subtitles (r) (s) (7789254)

10.45 Italianissimo. The soth in a ten-part Italian language and culture course (9025308). Wales: Careening Ahead

11.00 Careering Ahead. Helping servicemen returning to civilian lite (1435) Wales: 11.15-12.30 See You Sunday.

11.30 Mosaic. The last in a three-part series dealing with racial harassment (2167). harassment (2167)

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12.00 Advice Shop. Welfare rights magazine (r) (23780)

12.30 Country Fite with John Craven (2632083) Wales. Down to Earth

12.55 Weather (65986438)

1.00 News (11723902) 1.05 On the Record (8452896)

2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (21047)

3.00 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4544)

3.30 Smash Hits Pollwinners' Party. Simon Mayo presents the pop awards show live from Olympia (s) (29273)

5.00 Cartoons. Bugs Burny triple bill (4088525)

5.20 The Clothes Show. Antia Roddick welcomes the first four group to visit her Body Shop lactory in Littlehampton, Susse/ (s) (8518761)

5.45 The Bortowers. The penultimate episode of the sx-part drama losowing the adventures of the uny family who live under the loBowing the adventures of the uny family who live under the floorboards. (Ceefax) (s) (788964)

6.15 Weather Watch with Craig Charles (Ceetax) (281780)

6.25 News and weather (292761)
6.40 Songs of Praise. Alan Titchmarsh visits the German village of Burgsteinfurt. (Ceelax) (s) (452849)
7.15 Last of the Summer Wine. Another amable meander round the Yorkshire Dales (Ceefax) (s) (709457)

7.45 Perry Mason: The Case of the Desperate Deception. An American marine based in Paris is framed for the murder of a artime concentration camp commandant. (Cer

9.15 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (931612) 9.30 Look at it this Way. The final episode of the quirky satincal drame about London life in the Eighties (Ceefax) (42419)



Reflections on evensorig: Dame Betty Ridley (10.30pm)

 CHOICE: Evensong has been part of Dame Betty Ridley's life since she was a child and she is now 83. She was was born and bred in the Church of England, the daughter of a bishop and the wife of a chaptain. In a touching and evocative film Dame Betty offers her reflections on a service which she sees as summing up life and preparing for death. The thems of death features strongly Darne Betty was widowed early, lost a brother at El Alamein and recently came close to death herself. It has not stopped her driving cars faster than her loved ones think wise. Her thoughts and memories are interwoven with an evensoring from Winches Cathedral, which demonstrates the strength of English choral singing and celebrates composers who have written specially to the service notably the Victorians Stanford and Howells. (Ceelax)

(s) (10-4419), Northern Ireland: Disciples of Dissent 11.10 Survivor's Guide to Masstricht. A layman's guide to the Massincht Treaty (995963). Northern Ireland. 11.20 Everyman

11.45 Bellamy Rides Again. David Bellamy visits a Surrey hospital and a Dutch pig larm (r). (Ceefax) (1963326). Northern Iraland: 12.00 Survivor's Guide to Maastricht

12.15am The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore is joined by former Astronomer Royal Professor Sir Francis Graham Smith (s) (28133-42) 12.35 Tanhaiyan (r) (7410755) Northern Ireland: Bellamy Rides Again 1.05-1.45 Tanhaiyan 1.15 Weather (3769823)

### BBC2

7.00 Feltz the Cat. Animation (8988815) 7.15 Playdays (f) is) (2607032) 7.46 Smoggies (f) (9909506) 8.05 Telling Tales. (Ceelax) (5499235) 8.20 Orville and Cuddles (f) (2861051) 8.25 (Ceelax) (5493051) 8.45 Gentle Ben. Children's drama (r) (Ceelax) (1418709) 9.10 The Wetter the Better. Garne show (s) (6098761) 9.35 Thundercats () (1244457) 10.00 Kevin and Co. (Ceelax) (s) (9576032) 10.25 Blue Peter Omnibus (r) (s) (1400273) 11.15 The O-Zona. Music news (2584506) Shakespeare — The Animated Tales: Romeo and Juliet (r) (s) 19790

(8289)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry Anderson's classic puppet series Plans to move the Empire State Building go wrong. (Ceefa.) (I) (8882235)
12.50 The Invaders. Virtage science-fiction series (I) (1592780)
1.40 The Staggering Stories of Ferdinand de Bargos. Surreal cornedy (r) (s) (21309490)

2.00 Regional Parliamentary Programmes (3051) Nomem Ireano. A Room With a View, Wales: Scrutiny 2.30 Trivial Pursuit David Attenborough asks why animals spend so

2.30 Trivial Pursuit David Alliemorough assis why animals spend so much time at play. (Ceefax) (970)
3.00 Film: Mister Roberts (1955) Rambling and enjoyable version of a bit stage cornedy about an American cargo ship in the second world war. Starring James Cagney, Henry Fonda, William Powell and Jack Lemmon Directed by John Ford and Mervyn Le Roy (23457) 5.00 Rugby Special. Chris Flea Introduces highlights of London v Midlands and North v South/South West (s) (3438) Wales. Cardiff v

Suancea Lianelli y Neath 6,00 Ski Sunday. David Vine introduces the new season of the World Cup downhill championship, which begins with the men's downhill

Cup downhill championship, which begins with the men's downhill from Val d'Isère (637709)

6.35 The Money Programme. On the eve of Amstrad's critical general meeting, Alan Sugar answers his critical on the plans for a buy-back that will take Amstrad private (798544)

7.15 The Realms of the Russian Bear, Nikolai Drozouv encourners me widdle of Wrangel Island, north of the Arctic circle. (Ceelax) 2021/2019

(297490) 8.05 Funny Business: Let Tivere be Love. An examination of the art of the comedy double-act features interviews with Cannon and Ball, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, Emie Wise. Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis (S) (574612)

8.55 Did You See. .? Jeremy Paxman and his guests, writer Hunter Dawes, Mavis Nicholson and England rugby union full-back Jonathan Webb, discuss Casually, Ontical Eye, Do Families Need Falhers?, and First Tuesday: Brezhnevs Daughter (s) (168070) 9,25 Prisoners of Conscience, Helens Kernedy, OC, launches a two-

week series of nightly appeals (789185)

9.56 The Cry. The Cry of Zephaniah. British cumposer Michael Finnissy, the BBC Singers and the Nash Ensemble with the second

in the senes of music videos for Advent (s) (567186)
10.15 Film: Longtime Companion (1990). A group of gay friends dismiss the threat of Aids, but one by one their lives are devastated by the illness A moving and sympathetic drama for International Aids Day, directed by Norman Rene. (Caefax) (723544). Wales: The Sout of a Nation 10.55 Film. Longitime Companion



Gangster and molt: Lee Marvin, Gloria Grahame (11.55pm)

11.55 Film: The Big Heat (1953, b/w)

 CHOICE. In lists of the world's pest time which have been doing the rounds recently. The Big Heat has figured currously little. Yet it is certainly among the finest gangater movies, with a bite, energy and economy of style that makes today's contributions is the genre seem lumbering and overstretched. Glenn Ford plays a word cop who resigns from the force so that he can average himself of the gangsters who killed his wife Lee Marvin has one of his early hoodlum roles and Glona Grahame is the moll who tries to go straight and, in a scene shocking for its time, has her face scarred with boiling coffee. Directed with dark intensity by the German emigre Fintz Lang, and exploring the lavourite Langian themes of late, murder and revenge, The Big Heat grips from its termic opening sequence and never lets up (274032) Wales 12 30-1 55 Film The Big Heat Engs at 1.25

### ITY LONDON

6.00 TV-am (5828815) 9.25 The Disney Club. Richard Orford, Paul Hendy and Andrea Boardman are joined by Danna Mingogue (s) (2106506) 10.45 Link, Rachel Hurst talks about the effect of the United Nations

Decade of Action of Disabled People. (Oracle) (7425524) 11.00 Morning Worship from Our Lady of the Sea, Lowestoft (26438)

12.00 The Human Factor. Ten years ago Sven-Enk Lungholm was an airline executive with a private plane. Then he sold everything he owned and became a Salvation Army officer. He now brings comfort to the poor of Moscow. (Oracle) (25148)

12.30 LWT News Weekend (77099) 1.00 News with Demot Murnaghan. Weather (40501032) 1.10 Special Inquiry. A week before the EC summit in Edinburgh, Donald AzcCormick questions leading politicians from Britain and Europe

2.00 Bullsaye. Darts and general knowledge game (7877)
2.30 The London Match. Jim Rosenthal introduces highlights of the match between Charlton and Ponsmouth which marks Charlton's

return to the Valley after a gap of seven years (s) (89001)

3.30 Snooter. Live action from the quarter-final of the Coellie World Matchplay championship at the Dome in Doncaster (14341)

5.00 Baywatich. The perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles County parade the beaches for damsels in distress Craig and Cort are trapped in an underwater cave when an earthquake rocks the

6.00 Animal Country. Sarah Kennedy and Desmond Moms continue their four of East Anglia (525)
 6.30 News with Dermot Murraghan. Weather (888877) 6.35 LWT News

6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe, visits Bathgate in West Lothian (Oracle) (852065) 7.15 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Kissing the Gunner's Daugi

Final episode of this four-part murder story. When Inspector Wexford (George Baker) comes to a starting conclusion it looks as though he could become the next victim. (Oracle) (585099)



Playing it straight: David Jason turns detective (8.15pm)

8.15 A Touch of Frost

 CHOICE. After years of Del Boy and other excursions into low-life corriedy. David Jason turns straight actor to play a detective inspector in a highly-promising new police series based on the books of R.D. Wingfield Jack Frost is an irascible and cynical copper who likes to cut corners and avoid paperwork. He also works punishingly long hours, partly to ease the distress of a wife dying of cancer. In short, he is a rounded and credible characte and Jason catches him beautifully. A Touch of Frost has all the makings of quality drama, which shows that it is possible to achieve realism without recourse to foul language and thuggish violence. Tonight's episode, strongly written by Richard Hams, offers an ingeniously structured plot, in which the search for a missing schoolgid leads to the discovery of a 30-year-old murder. (Oracle)

10.15 News with Dermot Murraghan Weather (952490) 10.35 The New Statesman. Raucous, unsubtle but often tunny political satire starring Filk Mayall as Alan B'Stard, the newly elected MEP for the German constituency of Obersaxony. (181877)

11,05 Smooker. Nick Owen introduces further coverage of the first semifinal of the Coalite World Matchplay championship from the

Doncaster Dome (854032)

12\_s0am Cue the Music. American rock guitanst Randy California in concert at the Glastonbury Rock Festival (4307397)

1.35 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (8728804)

2.40 Film: Nairobi Affair (1984). Standard salari adventure starting

Chariton Heston as a former big game hunter who teams up with his son to catch a gang of ivery peachers. Directed by Marvin J. Chomsky (945858)

1.30 Pick of the Week with Mark Hayley (41811) 5.00 Grand Prix at Sea. Highlights of the 1992 Guernsey inemational 4-litre powerboat race (50804)
 5.30 ITN Morning News (98991) Ends at 6.00

10.00 Taid Driver (1975). Martin Scorsesa's drame staming Robert De Niro as a Vietnam veturan (85505), Ends at 11.50

7.00am Rick and Strange (1932, b/w) Histocok drama about a couple who

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11.00 Frankte and Johnny (1965) Sws. Presley muerca (58705)
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5.00 Steeping Beauty Classoc tairy-tale starring Bevarly D'Angelo (88877)
7.00 Problem Child (1990): A couple adopts mischierous Michael Oliver (70273)
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (43780) 7.00 Take 5 for younger viewers (2619877) 7.25 Laurel and Hardy (r) (7904877) 7.35 Little Wizards. Carbon (9997761) 8.00 Sandolcan. Exploits of a pirate prince (46831) 8.30 Wish Kid. Carbon (1408322) 8.55 Tindin. Animated adventures of Herge's classic character (2875254) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy (5672709) 9.30 Dennis (r) (6134877)

9.45 Filipper. Adventures of the mendly dolphin (53896)

10.15 The Lone Ranger (p/w). Viritage series following the adventures of the maŝked hero, his Indian sidekick Tonto and Silver his horse

10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Tales of an extraordinary

10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Tales of an extraordinary submarine and her captain (312070)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. Thals and inbutations of a close-knit Kansas plains family (318254)
12.45 Classic Care. Alexander Patrick reveals his selection of classics for the future in the last of the series (f) (890148)
1.15 Football Italia. Florentina v Juventus (60002047)
3.30 Film: The Secret Partner (1961, b/w). Satisfyingly complex thriller staming Stewart Granger as a shapping executive who becomes a target for blackmail. Directed by Basil Dearden (826273)
5.10 News and weather (7231411)
6.15 High Interest: Swords into Tube Treins. As pressures mount to cut defence spending, this programme investigates the impact on defence manufacturers and asks to what extent these companies can adapt to civilian production (9732051)

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6.00 The Miraculous Mellops, Australian lantasy series (167) 6.30 The Coaby Show. American family comedy. (Teletad) (419)



Game boy: a child has him with an electronic toy (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinos: Toying with the Future
CHOICE. The ostensible purpose of this seasonal film on children's toys is to explore how they are being shaped by changing technology. But for a supposed science strand there is not a lot of science, while despite the title the film ranges as much over the past as the luture. The result is something of a ragbag with no clear line of argumant, though offering plenty of diversion along the way There is a delightful look at the Meccano set and its creator, Frank Homby, who hoped that "Meccano boys" would be clean in thought and habit. There is, inevitably, much on video games, and whether they are helping to create a generation of sedentary and violent children. There are a ponderous contributions from

American professors and a terse one from a little girl who complains that dolls are sexist. (Teletext) (5761)

8.00 Poetry In Motion. Germaine Greer introduces today's programme, on the theme of women in love. Among her choices are "How do! love thee? Let me count the ways", by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

(8983) 8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach introduce highlights of the match between the Green Bay Packer and the Detroit Lions (33186)

10.00 Film: The Longest Day (1962, b/w). John Wayne, Robert Mitchum and Henry Fonda are among an all-star cast in this stirring recreation of the allied landings in Normandy on June 8 1944. Directed by Andrew Marton, Ken Annakin, Bernhard Wickland Gerd Oswald (69991761)

1.15am Film: Erendira (1982). Powerful drama about a young girl who
is forced into prostitution by her grandmother (frene Papes) and
plots her revenge. Directed by Roy Guerra. In Spanish with English
subtities (685397). Ends at 3.10

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7.00 Sunday Morning Concert:
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performs Novak (Overture,
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Henry V); Weinberger (Linder
the Spreading Chestnut Tree);
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Tale Suite) 9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday
Morning: Handel (Overture,
Judas Maccahaeus); Elgar, an
Paul Cassidy (Chanson de
Mann, Op 15 No 2); Dvorák
(Stavorno Dance, Op 48 No 8);
Chabrier (Idylie; Dense
villageoise, Pièces
Pittoresques); Massenet
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Pritoresques): Masserus; Mozart (Scènes Pritoresques): Mozart (Kyrie in D minor, K3411; 9.47 Artist of the Week: Isaac Stern performs Bach (Concerto in D minor for two volins, BWV 1043): Weber (Wie nahle minor for two volins, BWV 1043): Weber (Wie nahle minor for two volins, BWV 1043): Weber (Wie nahle minor for two volins, BWV 1043): Weber (Wie nahle minor for two volins, BWV 1043): Weber (Wie nahle minor for two volins) and two volumes (View lands)

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SKY MOVIES GOLD. 1.15pm The King and I (1956) Musical with

ror cryanier as the King of Starm and Deborah kert as an English governess (86731780) 6.30 The Adventures of Starchock Holmes (1939) Basil Rathbone stars as the Baker Street detective (71975) Street detective (71525) 8.00 Class of 44 (1973): Sequel to Summer

6.30mg Fishing the West (53032) 7.00 The Line Langue (46463) 9.00 Jack High (51512) 10.00 Goole on Sunday (64460) 11.00 Sunday (64460) 11.00 Finest (46796) 11.30 High Five (5779) 12.00 WWF Al-American Wresting (48612) 1.00pm FA Cup Second Round (841070) 3.30 FA Persine Lasgue. Manchester Utd v Manchester Chy (639235) 6.00 Talkback (44896) 7.00 German Football (56255) 9.00 Dubis Rugby Severs (55467) 10.00 FA Cup Football (50896) 12.00-2.00mm FA Primar Lasgue. Manchester Utd v Marchester Utd v Marchester Utd v Marchester Utd v Marchester Chy (56464)

SKY SPORTS

EUROSPORT

8.00wm Step Aerobios (87885) 8.30 Euroscores Magazine (17825) 9.00 Tennis Davis Cup Final (88457) 11.00 Sid Jumping (92167) 1.00pm Trens World Sport (58728) 2.00 Women's Handbell (70709) 3.00 Figure Skating (95815) 8.00 Euroscores Magazine (5534505 5.06 St. Jumping World Cup (5114419) 8.00 Boxing (3984) 7.00 Termis (5538167) 10.30 Euroscores (227418)

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# Nostalgia at the push of a button

Nigella Lawson praises the BBC for allowing viewers to wallow

among the televisual Rembrandts and Chippendales



IN THE new marketing argot adopt-ed by the BBC, The Antiques Roadshow would. I suppose, count as a "classic" of broadcasting. It thrived on the belief

that everyone has some apparently worthless object hidden away in the attic that would, once Arthur Negus had blown the dust off it and polished the maker's mark on his jacket sleeve, be discovered to be worth a fortune. And now it turns out that the BBC's own attic is full of the televisual equivalent of the lost Rembrandt and the Duluxcovered Chippendale: its collection of 120,000 old programmes.

These represented, according to Panorama last Monday night, the "gold mine" that could save the BBC. In the past, the BBC vaults were considered to be full of nothing more than summerseason repeats sold on the desperate promise of "another chance to see"; at best, they made for cheap programming, a respectable if unimaginative way to coast along. Their value, if it was seen to exist, was by default stopgaps maybe, nice little earners never. Now, restyled as classics, they are the basis of a whole new channel.

UK Gold, the cable and satellite station which started a month ago, and which was at the nub of this week's Panorama, has no news, no documentaries, none of the publicservice programming that is the raison d'être of the BBC. What it has is 20 hours a day of BBC and Thames TV repeats. It also has something no other BBC station

has: advertising. Melvyn Bragg, wearing his edi-tor-of-The-South-Bank-Show hat i.e., the guy from Independent Television who provides the sort of programmes the BBC pats itself on the back for making - claimed foul. He swung a new line in

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support of his insistent and increasingly convincing plea that perhaps some of the money from the licence fee should go his and other independent companies' way. There is bardly enough advertising to sustain the existing ITV channels, was his argument, and there will be even less if stations partowned by the licence-funded BBC

start creaming any of it off.

If the BBC is allowed to get money from advertising, why shouldn't the independent channels get some of the public funds? After all. fair's fair. John Birt benignly disagreed. There was, he said, "utter disproportion" in all this the £1 million that UK Gold was likely to net the BBC over the next year was hardly big bucks modest compared to the great sums that flow into the coffers of

There is obviously a difficulty here. Peter Brooke, the heritage minister, owned up to the unlikelihood of the licence fee rising in the near future, and if in this near future the BBC will drop cheap imports and inexpensive formulaic programming in pursuit of "disfinctiveness" (and what else, frankly, should the BBC be pursuing?). the money has to come from somewhere. UK Gold may be the vulgar money-grubbing villain of the piece for some, but for others it must seem a timely act of initiative. an attempt, as Panorama soberly suggested, "to liberate the BBC from the narrowing base of the licence fee". Mr Brooke stayed neutral; all he could really say was that "in personal terms" he was i, "because I must own up to a

liking for archival material". I must own up to a liking for archival material, too; since UK Gold started I have watched it more than any other station. I must also admit that I've never been satellite television's greatest fan: bad US imports, cartoons, phoney wrestling and sports stations packed with such as the Dutch women's tenpin bowling heats have so far made extra-terrestrial viewing so much television for the

OK, so there's CNN and Sky News, too, but I've yet to be convinced they are the boons to civilisation their supporters claim them to be. Until now, I have rather sympathised with my grandmother's line on the whole business. ness. When asked whether she would like a satellite dish "to augment her choices", she replied, sensibly enough, that there were already four channels with nothing on she wanted to watch, why should she want 40 channels with nothing on either?

The choice, however, was made for me, and there I was, stuck with t. I had a bit of fun with Rai Uno for a while even if it is rivetingly bad, it is at least in Italian, which helps. And one can at least feel one is being educated, even if the entertainment factor is on the dire side. But the whole idea of niche marketing for television is distress-

art of the joy of television is in its variety, and that variety does provide a useful service. If you watch a game show and then hang around to watch a documentary you might not otherwise have thought you wanted to see, you might gain something. It's a borus. The Reithian legacy is too valuable to be cast aside, however much fashionable opinion may noisily hold to the contrary. But a separate little niche, a separate channel, for repeats: there is sense in that.

There is also a great deal of pleasurable wallowing. For there minor drawback. are few things more suited to the



Old gold: William Hartnell, Trevor Eve, Anita Dobson, Leslie Grantham, Warren Mitchell, Leonard Rossiter, Terry Scott, June Whitfield

gratification of nostalgia than television programmes. And a day's viewing — take Monday's for example — that takes in early Neighbours (Jason and Kylie be fore they grew up and hit the big time), EastEnders (remember Den and Angie?), Dr Who in the dark ages with William Hartnell, Terry and June, Shoestring (Trevor Eve at his most roguishly appealing), After Henry, Dallas (before JR got shot), The Duchess of Duke Street and The Bill, is enough to turn anyme in the court potent OK more than the property of the street and the stre anyone into a couch potato. OK, so the programmes tend to get repeated so often that by the end of the day you're word perfect on the script of The Bill, but that's only a

It's interesting to see, too, how

programmes have changed. Comparing an early EastEnders to the slick programme it has become is a lesson in the evolution of soap. The UK Gold version is rough-edged and fumbling: characters seem to wait a good minute between lines. the plot creaks along. The up-to-date BBC offering has everything cracking along, fast and angry.

components are meant to coment with the viewer some idea of the family, of belonging to it, and I have, rather sheepishly, to own up to feeling rather as if I were being shown old home movies of family friends as I see a young Sharon pouting because Angie won't let her stay out until 11 o'clock, or a spotty

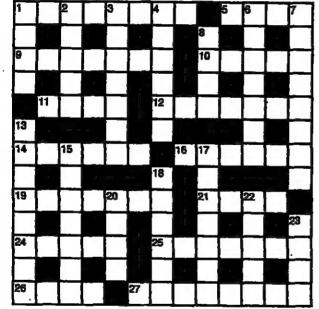
teenage Ian sobbing on his nan's knee because Pete's been teasing him about wanting to learn how to cook. Was it only so few years ago? Haven't they all grown up so fast? Some programmes, like Casual-

ty, have since done a bit of tinkering with their image. The comic ele-ments have all but been done away with (along with some of the aginorop), and why, even Nurse Duffy's lost her West Country accent. Reginald Perrin is as good as I remembered. A Very Peculiar Practice even better. Conversely, I watched The Goodies or The Young Ones in disbelief: I used to laugh at this, this rag week on

UK Gold's press release, issued at its launch, made much of the fact

that recession has boosted television viewing figures, and in truth, there is a slightly recessionary feel to the channel. Not so much because of the bread-and-circuses element — underviably there — but so far, at least, it is a bit of a job lot. There is a hint of unspoken streetside bartering: Den and Angie, The Bill, not once, not twice, but three times darlin', and for you, love, at no extra cost, go on, treat yourself, just sit yourself down and make yourself comfortable. But even the BBC is made of more than soap operas and sitcoms, and if UK Gold begins to dip more selectively into its archives, it may soon provide some of the consistently best viewing, or rather re-viewing, on television.

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WORD WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SPLORE a. To turn hay into the sun b. Merrymaking c. The welt of a shoe MIXOLOGIST a. A mixer of drinks b. A polyglot c. An all-rounder academically

SUBRISION a. Conspiracy b. Smiling c. Being taken by surprise HELVE a. To dig the earth b. The handle of a tool c. To divide in half

Answers on page 2

## Everyone's a comedian tonight

The British Comedy Awards 1992 (tonight, ITV, 8.05pm)

Ionathan Ross pronounces on the best of the year's comedy output. This year sees a supposedly democratic development: you the viewer can vote for who you want to be "top comedy personality". You have till 9.45pm this evening to phone 0891 400701 for Clive Anderson, 0891 400702 for Rory Bremner, 0891 400703 for Angus Deayton, 0891 400704 for Harry Enfield, 0891 400705 for Paul Merton, and make your contribution to televisual history - if you can be bothered.

A Touch of Frost

of trousers and scuffed-

up/coughed-up vocals echo Bruce Springsteen, with per-haps a hint of Tina Turner, the

Manics came together in

1988 — four schoolfriends

conspiring to bring about the

Pop Apocalypse in their bed-rooms. From the very begin-ning, the Manics had a

manifesto: rage against the

ordinary; sexual equality; stay

beautiful. As the music scene

at the time was top heavy with fiercely "laddish" bands like

The Farm and Happy Mon-

days, the Manics brand of

glittery androgyny and delib-erately provocative interviews

swiftly earned them bucket-

loads of controversy, and gigs

where the air was alternately

filled with flying beer cans and the sweaty bodies of loyal fans.

Richey Edwards is the some-

times guitarist and ideas

machine in the Manics; he has

that patented aura of rockstar

hanging around him, and

of the Rolling Stones put

together. University educated,

fearfully articulate and over-

whelmingly charming and po-

lite, he sits curled up on the

looks like all the cool members

(Sunday, ITV, 8.15pm)
David Jason appears in a new and rather different guise in this feature-length police drama, the first in a three-part series, in which he plays Jack Frost, a rough, tough cop who, underneath a

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rasping and shambolic exterior, nurses a private grief. This straight part is light years away from Pa Larkin and Del Boy.

(Monday, BBC2, 9pm)

The first of Simon Gray's two-parter (which concludes on Wednesday at 9.30pm) in which the superb Alan Bates plays Hamish Partt, a heavy drinking, chain-smoking playwright who travels across America supervising the production of one of his plays, with ludicrously furny results. Simon Gray denies the piece is autobiographical, though paral-lels may be difficult to resist.

 Food and Drink (Tuesday, BBC2, 8.30pm) Under the charming, affable stewardship of Chris Kelly, this remains the most consistently informative and entertaining food programme on television. This week it shows a mini-documentary following John Burton Race, who has just come back from Madrid, where he won unaccustomed culinary honour for Britain by coming top in a competition of European cheis at the International Academy of Gastronomes. The pro-gramme also reveals the findings of a comparative tasting of cheap champagne and sparkling wines.

Clive Anderson Talks Back

(Friday, Channel 4, 10.30pm) In the last in what has emerged as a cult series, Clive Anderson yaps with the American queen of backchat, Joan Rivers. I'd put my money on our boy coming out with fewest scratches.

affairs programmes just for work, but I really enjoy watching The Clothes Show as I'm an absolute pushover when it comes to fashion. There's a real feelgood factor in seeing all that amazing haute couture and the beautiful models. You think to yourself. 'I might be over 25 and my bum might be halfway down to my knees but there's hope yet..."

"I'll watch current

• Laura Fitzsimmons is president of the National Union of Students



Pretty boys: Manic Street Preachers give deliberately provocative interviews that distract attention from the music

### h. these pretty, pretty boys in their second-hand glamour and cheap make-up and Marilyn tattoos. The Manic Street Preaches preach DIY insur-Preaching revolution rection for the bored and the lonely and the powerless they come from "urban heli" — Wales — and they vow "to destroy rock 'n' roll". Well, it's for real Fronted by James Dean Bradfield, whose strut, choice

Caitlin Moran on a band known equally for mutilation and music

Manic Street Preachers' original

"In the beginning, when we formed, we wanted to sign to the big-gest record label in the world, put out a debut album that would sell 20 million and then break up. Get massive

and then just throw it all away. By the time we were across his skinny white foregiving interviews and saying that to the press, though, we didn't believe it. We knew we couldn't quite do that. But if we had aimed any lower in the beginning, I don't think any-one would've paid as much attention to us."

The Manies have had a lot of attention paid to them. A veritable carrioad of the stuff. In May 1991, NME journalist Steve Lamacq interviewed the band after a gig, and remained unconvinced by their burning rhetoric and hyperbolic proclamations; the Manics were just a Welsh reand, in short, Lamacq didn't believe they were "for real". Richey took a razorblade from some place, rolled up his sleeve and carved the words "4 REAL" into his left arm. It required 17

stitches, and the pink scar-welts arm remain as a testimony to the Manies' utter, consuming belief in the band and their message. "4 REAL" is a piece of rock 'n' roll mythology, up there with Hendrix burning his guitar, Lennon instructing

the Queen to rattle her jewellery, and Jagger deciding to have that fifteenth paisleypainted limousine. Self-mutilation is a very female thing to do: to externalise their rage, men blame it on someone else. Women will internalise their

probably true," Edwards says. In Wales, the women are as bored as the men, but the men will go out to the pub and beat the see out of everyone else; the women will stay at home and concentrate on surviving."
"A lot of girls, of 14, 15, love
the band," Nicky Wire, the
Manics' glamourpuss bassplayer, says. "I think they see
us raging on their side. I hate men. Males don't seem to have any self-control any more, something catches their

eyes and they don't see why they shouldn't have it." The Manics inspire fiery devotion in their fans: hardcore Manic fanatics reportedly follow Richey's lead and carve "4 REAL" into their arms, too. Of course, all this press-perfect controversy makes it stupidly easy to ignore the music.

Generation Terrorists (Columbia Records, all formats) released earlier this year, is 18 tracks of crunchy, fuzzy power chords, riot-inspiring samples, lyrics that read like lists of Glamorous Rock Things which only occasionally rhyme - sometimes, you feel, accidentally. Half the tracks aren't necessary, but the other half... four-minute bursts of hunger, and aggression, and racked gorgeousness, like "Motorcyle Emptiness", the utterly beautiful, strung-out ballad-type thingy, "Culture sucks down words...Hurt, maim, kill and enslave the ghetto/Each day living out a

lie/Life's sold cheaply forever." The Manic Street Preachers - the first up on stage when rage, and take it out on themselves, "What you say is the revolution comes.

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